

The Earl of C. has sent a Christmas donation of £5 each to all the metropolitan police officers, for the poor of the district.

Mary Gallop, under sentence of death, 28th inst. at Chester, for the murder of her father, has confessed her guilt to the chaplain of the gaol, and is now quite penitent.

The Protector Assurance Company on Thursday at the annual meeting declared a surplus capital of £79,649 over its liabilities. A large bonus will be distributed in 1845.

The Rothschilds clear £100,000 a-year by their monopoly of the quick-silver mines in Spain, which they hold from Government.

Captain Todd, of the British Army, eloped with Miss Donaldson, daughter of the Mayor of St. John, Canada, on the 8th ult.

DUBLIN, DECEMBER 20.

The ball and supper given by Lady Jemima Elliot, last night, at the lodge of the Chief Secretary, Phoenix Park, were on the most extensive and magnificent scale. The company, including all the elite of the metropolis at present in town, numbered six hundred.

Mr. O'Connell addressed a meeting at Denmark-street chapel, yesterday, against the Charitable bequests bill, and declared the trusteeship assumed by three Roman Catholic prelates was a triumph over the rest of their brethren. The three commissioners were only fallible men, and he believed them to be in error in taking the charge, but he would not say anything disrespectful of them.

Mr. O'Connell left to-day for Darrynane. His departure was wholly unexpected. He had promised to do great work at the Repeal Association on Monday next; but the defeat he sustained on the Bequests Act has, it is said, led to his retirement to Darrynane in a "huff."

The sale of teas seized from the Dublin grocers by the Excise, and which was to come off on Tuesday, is countermanded, pending a memorial to the Commissioners.

COURT OF DELEGATES, DUBLIN—TUESDAY.
(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)
Lord Guilleme, Appellant. The Hon. Waller O'Grady, Respondent.

Dr. Ball addressed the Court on behalf of the Respondent, in the first instance adverting to the will. It gave £5000 to each daughter of the testator—it gave £400 a-year to each younger son, and £10,000 a-year, with the title. An error occurred in limiting the large estates with the title. It was admitted that error could be amended, and all argument on foot of it was now abandoned. The question, therefore, was between an heir at law and his younger brothers and sisters. Waller O'Grady disclaimed taking the residue, and now the only question was, should each younger son take £400 a-year, and each daughter £5000. The appellant objected to his mother keeping the furniture to which she had been accustomed, and sought to make his mother, brothers, and sisters, needy dependents on his bounty. The learned Counsel then adverted to the circumstances attending the execution of the will. Was it possible to suppose that if Waller O'Grady intended a fraud, he would bring Sergeant Greene and Carew Smyth to be the witnesses, and would employ the former to revise the draft? Sergeant Greene deposed to the capacity of the deceased, and the only attempt at an argument on the other side on the facts of the expenditure was that it was not read aloud in Greene's presence; but did any one ever hear of such being done during the execution of a will? If such an unusual course had been adopted, then indeed fraud could be suspected. The learned Counsel next adverted to the doubts of Mr. Carew Smyth as to capacity, and observing that this gentleman had no doubts when he went to witness the will, contended those doubts arose from the accidental error in the limitations. The perception of that error came like a shadow on the canvass; it dispersed what was shaded, and darkened what was bright. The learned Counsel then adverted to the evidence of the parties and witnesses, or those who had few opportunities to judge, and having occupied upwards of three hours on these topics was requested by the Court to enter on the respondent's evidence on the following day.

Dr. Ball resumed his observations. The witnesses for the respondent were selected from every class. Chief Justice Bushe, who was the relative and intimate friend of deceased, Surgeon Collis who attended him as physician, Lord Gort his son-in-law, Carew James O'Grady, who lived in Rockbarton house and was his nephew; two servants who also lived in the house.—Haliday Bruce, the eminent stockbroker, and Mr. Norman, the Clerk of the Privy Council. Could Lord Guilleme be incompetent, and impress on many persons observing him from such different points of view with the opinion of his competency? Lord Gort deposed positively to the fact. Surgeon Collis gave his deliberate opinion he could understand the very will in question. Mr. Bruce transacted money business with him, and declares he could not merely intelligent, but manifestly of sound mind, and understanding, and Chief Justice Bushe had an interview with deceased on the very day of the date of the will in question, and pronounced his opinion, which under all the circumstances was in the nature of a judicial opinion, that deceased was possessed of clearness and competency of mind and understanding. The great judge came to the conclusion with all the recollection of his former greatness fresh on his mind, that deceased of decayed power, could he fail to see it? Surgeon Collis also, a physician of the soundest judgment, and the highest professional skill and reputation. The learned counsel having minutely discussed the depositions of the witnesses, proceeded to apply certain propositions adopted by philosophical writers, &c., the subject of the mind; and contended that by the aid of those principles it was possible to reconcile the evidence on both sides, and that when thus reconciled and viewed the evidence equally tended to prove capacity. Having continued these observations for a considerable period, the learned counsel concluded by showing that both by the nature of the evidence, and the legitimate principles of reasoning, the only theory offered by the appellant to account for the facts indicating capacity, wholly failed, that theory was that deceased was held out to the world as possessing capacity when he did not. As the transactions put in issue extended over a period of 9 years, this theory involved the utmost elaborateness of deception, the most curiously exquisite combination of pretence, continued over a great length of time, adopted and acted on by a number of persons, and never once violated or even admitted. Was this consistent with the nature of human beings or of human events? The learned Counsel concluded a speech which occupied 3 hours, by maintaining the capacity of the testator, and the validity of the will.

Dr. Radcliffe replied on behalf of the appellant. The will was not just. The late Lord did not intend his younger sons to take small landed estates. He intended each younger child to have £5000, and the appellant

THANKS
To the Rev. S. B. Leonard.

AT A MEETING of the Governors of the CORK FOUNDLING HOSPITAL, held at the Board-room, Wednesday, 18th December 1844.

JOHN BALLARD, Esq. in the Chair.

It was proposed by James Donovan, Esq. seconded by William Harris, Esq. and unanimously resolved: That our warmest acknowledgments be conveyed to the Rev. SAMUEL B. LEONARD, on the occasion of his departure from the Parish of Agade, for the kind and pastoral solicitude he has always evinced for the welfare, spiritual and temporal of the Children of the Institution who have been placed under his superintendance, and that this resolution be inserted in the LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

(Signed)
JOHN BALLARD, Chairman,
of the Board of Governors.

December 21.

NOTICE.

IF MAJOR WILLIAM BITTS, late of the Royal Artillery, and now residing in Limerick in the year 1828; or any member of his family, will communicate their address to the LIMERICK CHRONICLE Office, they may hear of something to their advantage.

Limerick, Dec. 21.

As Wednesday next will be the anniversary of CHRISTMAS, the CHRONICLE will not be published on that day.

We have usually called upon our country and town Subscribers, at the close of the year, to discharge the amount of their accounts: and upon this occasion we beg to renew that request with more earnestness, as the expenditure of the LIMERICK CHRONICLE is not only considerable in amount, but always in advance, continuous and increasing at every stage of its progress.

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21.

THE LATE EARL OF LIMERICK.—The remains of the late Earl lay in state on Sunday last, at South-hill Park, where the respect and esteem in which he had long been held attracted a vast concourse of persons to pay their last tribute of regard. The hall and two of the principal apartments were prepared for this solemn occasion, and ingress was given to all who presented themselves between two and four o'clock. In the centre of the saloon, which was carpeted with black cloth, was placed, on a platform covered with a black velvet pall, and displaying the armorial bearings of the family, the coffin, covered with black velvet, on the lid of which is a plate bearing the style and titles of the deceased Lord, and at the head of which was placed, resting on a cushion of crimson velvet and gold, the coronet of an Earl. Six colossal silver candelabra, containing wax-lights, stood round the bier; and two of the nearest relatives sat as mourners at the head of the coffin, and two members of the establishment attired in deep mourning at the feet. Behind the mourners was placed the lid of feathers, and at the upper extremity of the room hung a large escutcheon, displaying the armorial bearings of the deceased Nobleman. The apartments were lighted by wax placed round the walls. Tuesday morning the mournful cavalcade left South-hill Park for Ireland, and arrived at Limerick this evening, with the remains of the late Lord Glengworth, and Lady Mary Pery, which last two were carried direct to the family vault in the Cathedral for interment. The body of the late Lord Limerick will be conveyed on to the mansion of his ancestors, and lay in state at Limerick house on Sunday, the same as at South Hill, Berks, and on Monday next the remains will be deposited with those of his ancestors in the burial-place of the family in the Cathedral, where a spacious vault was completed for the purpose last evening, under the superintendance of Mr. J. Pain, of this city. On the above occasion there will be full Church service at the Cathedral on Monday next.

Lord Montague, the Hon. Mr. Pery, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Mat Barrington, are named executors in the will of the late Earl of Limerick.

Lord Montague, the son-in-law, and Sir Aubrey De Vere, Bart. nephew of the late Earl of Limerick, arrived here yesterday, to attend the funeral of that nobleman, which will move from Limerick House on Monday at twelve o'clock, for the Cathedral.

We are happy to announce that £500 has been left by the late Earl of Limerick, for the local charities of this City, to be distributed by the executors.

A superb schooner of 300 tons, built by Mr. J. N. Russell, will be launched in a few days from his building yard on the North Strand.

We are concerned to state that John Westropp, Esq. of this city, while hunting in the neighbourhood of Coolreigh, county Clare, had his collar bone broken by a fall.

The Lodges No. 13, and 73, in this city, will install their officers on Saturday next, the former at the Masonic Hall, in George's-street, the latter at the Masonic Hall, in Henry-street.

The inhabitants of Mallow met this day to oppose Mr. Vignoles' railway line, as injurious to that town.

Mr. James K. Polk, the new President of the American States, is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in the 50th year of his age.

A pension of £600 a-year falls into the Civil List by the death of Lady Ann Cullen Smith, sister of the Duke of Wellington, at Hampton Court, on Monday night.

Wednesday night, the public ball at Ennis Court-house was fashionably and numerously attended. After dancing the party sat down to a magnificent supper. The Officers of the Royals, from Clare Castle, were present.

Yesterday evening, a horse and car, with potatoes, drove over a poor elderly woman, name unknown, near the Blackboy turnpike, and killed her on the spot. Her body was brought to the Police-office, and taken thence to the Exchange for an inquest this day, when her name was ascertained to be Margaret Weston.

Mr. Purser, of the Club-house, has kindly raised a charitable fund, by which several pauper debtors were discharged from custody this week, and restored to their delighted families.

At a meeting of the Newcastle Board of Guardians, on Tuesday, they came to the resolution of allowing the inmates of the Workhouse a meat dinner on Christmas day.

Thursday night, a malicious attempt to upset the stage coach of Mr. R. Smyth, Ballynatrea, from Youghal to Cork, by raising a heap of stones on the road side, was fortunately discovered in time to prevent injury.

We are gratified to inform our readers of the arrival of the celebrated Highland Pipers and Dancers, who were so admired in their performances before her Majesty and Prince Albert.—See Advt.

to be lamented that no shipping lay in the Custom-house, nor was a single boat at hand, or the two would have been rescued from a watery grave. Soon after the Strand fishermen dragged the river for the bodies, and both were found a little distance from each other, near the Custom-house wall, convenient to the spot where they were observed to sink. MacIsc, the soldier, was conveyed to the barrack at John's-square by his comrades, and the girl to the Exchange where an inquest will be held. What renders this sad occurrence more calamitous is, the fact that M'Creice has left a wife (advanced in pregnancy) and three children to deplore his untimely fate. He belonged to Major Rawnsley's company—was 12 years in the corps, a native of Armagh, and an exceedingly well conducted man. His family being now unexpectedly thrown on the mercy of the world, the citizens of Limerick are, in common humanity, bound to come forward to their assistance, and we trust their claim will not be lost sight of by all persons, whether military or civilians, who can appreciate the noble and generous sacrifice of a husband and father, prompted by one of the best feelings of our common nature.

What earthly gift can now recompense, under such bitter affliction, the desolate widow and tender orphans, for the loss of the husband and father, their only friend and protector, so intimately and affectionately linked with their dearest hopes? By a casualty altogether unforeseen, followed by true heroism and purest humanity, deserving, alas, a better fate, has this innocent family been at once plunged deep in woe, aggravated too by the horrors of impending poverty whose iron yoke crushes the boldest spirit, and the rudest health. To soften the heavy affliction which has befallen the family of the brave soldier, who himself became a victim in the struggle to save a perishing fellow-creature, and to mitigate the sufferings of his widow and orphans, we earnestly recommend a public subscription in their behalf, and shall gladly acknowledge at the CHRONICLE OFFICE, any donation the smallest, for their relief. We are delighted to add that a respectable committee of citizens has already commenced the good work, and are this day collecting from house to house. We most cordially wish them "good speed," and cannot entertain a particle of doubt of the success of their benevolent and philanthropic mission.

The soldier's remains will be interred with military honours at St. John's Church, at two o'clock to-morrow.

To meet the alteration in the payment of the Interest on Irish Government Stock and Debentures which is in future to be had in April and October, the quarter's interest from July to last October, has been some time payable at the Bank.

A very severe frost set in about two o'clock this morning, and the thermometer stood at five degrees below the freezing point. The after part of the night before was most agreeably fine.

The steward of a land agent left this city, yesterday, for Clongheen, near Broadford, to sell farming produce for rent, but he was signalled off by a number of armed men, who mounted the hedges and ditches all about, and soon compelled him to retreat, at risk of his life.

A party of men came into Doon Island, Broadford, the property of Sir H. D. Massy, Bart. on Tuesday night, and cut some timber, which they concealed in the wood. The woodranger, George Crowe, discovered the timber, and prepared himself and brothers the following night, well armed, when between twelve and one o'clock, three men came into the wood to carry it off. Crowe and his assistants arrested Michael and Rodger Morony, and Kennedy Scott, and gave them in charge to the police at Broadford.

Two Rock notices have been posted on the turnpike at Birdhill, threatening Stephen H. Atkins, Esq. landed proprietor of that district, with the barbarous death of A. Gloster, Esq. and warning the clergy not to interfere in the matter. This dastardly outrage has been disavowed by all Mr. Atkins's tenantry.—See Advt.

The following letter from the Parish Priest of Abington is excellent for its good advice and manly spirit:—

"MY DEAR SIR—Arms having been so frequently taken by day and night, for the last month, from gentlemen's and farmers' houses in a neighbouring district, and, unfortunately, without any resistance, that government, by sending strong detachments of the military to different villages of the country, would seem to apprehend that we are on the eve of a rebellion; you will, however, exonerate the Priests and the loyal Peasants from any participation in this imaginary insurrection, by informing the public that I had directed those of my parishioners who had registered arms, and were not determined to part with them, only with their lives, to lodge them at the next police station. One and all are determined on resisting those midnight robbers; and, consequently, on the house of Michael Ryan, of Brittas, in this parish, a tenant of Lord Cloncurry's, and a staunch Repealer, being attacked last night—a demand made for his arms—his windows broken—and a threat constantly repeated, of burning his house—he and his brave servants replied with a shout of defiance. Ryan, in the meantime, who is a perfect rifleman, watching his opportunity, discharged his gun at the outstretched arm of one of the ruffians, on which they immediately fled. Ryan is certain that he struck his object, and their flying so quickly proves that they had suffered from the shot.

"Your's truly,
"T. O'B. COSTELLOE."

* There is something more substantial than imaginary in the evil which the writer alludes to in the previous sentence. Arms having been so frequently taken, day and night, for the last month, from gentlemen's and farmers' houses.

A number of attachments from Chancery having issued against defaulting tenants on the Derry estate, Killaloe, Mr. Daly, the receiver, went to Ballina, this week, and sent out his bailiff to serve notice, but the country people assembled in crowds, armed, and shouting defiance, in the name of "Captain Starlight," kept up hedge-firing, and the receiver was obliged to return to Dublin, yesterday, unable to discharge his duty.

A party of Terry Alt boys went to the residence of the Rev. Mr. Studdert, at Ballymackey, and kept shouting outside his house "to come out" which he declined, and prudently kept his house well barred against them.

Wednesday night, eight men attacked the house at Cool, near Newport, occupied by two caretakers of Mr. Waller, of Prior-park, for arms. The caretakers fired two shots at them, and they fled.

Lady Browne, Mallow, has remitted £5 to the Mathew relief fund.

Five sheep heavy in lambs, the property of David Ward, farmer, at Knockree, were maliciously killed on Wednesday night, and the fat only taken out.

The Constabulary force are on the alert to bring to justice the murderers of Thomas Heffernan, at Dromloughra, near Clonsilla. Through Sub-Inspector Kelly, Thomas Clancy was apprehended in his house, near Spencilhill. He is a brother of John Clancy, also in custody, who was to have been executed by the murdered Heffernan. Sub-Inspector Kelly also took into custody another brother of the prisoner, named Pat Clancy, who resided with his brother Thomas. It appears that Thomas Clancy was in Heffernan's house when it was entered by the murderers, and the servant Pat Grady, by a coincidence, happened to be in Clancy's dwelling at the same time.

The report by the Dublin Evening Post of the murder of Captain Henry Carden, of Barnane, Templemore, is not true, and no attempt has been made on that gentleman's life.

Addenda to the important trial of Peffury at New York, which appears elsewhere, in our next.

must derive great and important advantages by a communication from this city, which it is admitted will be at the expense of the met and trading interests of Limerick.

It is absurd to say they have acted thus, "I shares to a larger amount were subscribed for in Limerick than in Limerick;" but the shareholders got both in England and Ireland are principally rested and benefited by the just and fair management of the entire line, and by electing *responsible and efficient Directors*, without favour or affect not by giving one terminus the monopoly another, and thus creating jealousy and discord where perfect confidence and amity should be. This is a bad commencement, and it is quite clear the Waterford Committee through their friends, influence thus acquired, can nominate also the three persons which they are pleased to allot to Limerick. We protest against the entire proceedings, and we recommend a general meeting to be held of Proprietors to adopt petitions to Parliament, and Board of Trade on the subject.

The Mayor took the chair on Monday, in change, at a meeting to petition Parliament for of the Charitable Bequests Act. The subject of little public interest, judging from the comparatively small number of persons present. Counsellor was appointed secretary to the meeting, and the read a letter from Mr. John O'Brien, M. P., the requisitionists, apologising for his absence James Kelly, M.P. condemned the spirit and the Act, especially the 16th clause, which makes any bequest not willed and registered three months before death. He proposed a resolution to this which was seconded by Mr. Honan. Mr. Wm. regretted, that after 35 years of agitation for civil religious liberty, he should be obliged again to go on the political arena, but he could not hesitate so for the religious and monastic orders, whose once was directly assailed by this bill. After eulc this meritorious body of men, he proposed a resc commendatory of the 16th clause, which was set by Mr. N. Kelly. He was followed by Mr. Callaghan, M.P., who protested against the R.C. Hierarchy necting themselves with the Peel Cabinet poli taking a seat at the board of bequests. A petiti Parliament was eventually adopted, and the m rose, with a vote of thanks to the Mayor. The c men who attended on this occasion, and were i mental in having it called, as being no doubt i interested in the operation of the above Act, Rev. M. Malone, O.S.F.; Rev. R. Dore, O.S.A.; W. M'Donnell, O.S.D.; Rev. J. Dundon, O.S.A.; P. J. Carroll, O.S.F.; Rev. P. Lyons, O.S.A.; T. M'Donnell, O.S.D. and Rev. J. Bergin, O besides several of the secular or parochial clergy. resolutions appear in our advertising columns.

The Most Rev. Dr. Crolly, of Armagh, the Rev. Dr. Murray, of Dublin, and the Right Rev. Deniv, of Belfast, are officially announced as commissioners of the Board, for administering the Charitable Bequests Act in Ireland. Those three ecclesi have never forsaken their solemn duties, to med the idle tumult of political agitation, and Repeal ment. One of them has honorably distinguished self, Dr. Deniv, as being the only one of his who put to press an edition of the old and new I ment, and has circulated many thousand copies of "Word of Life." This esteemed prelate was se years Professor of Philosophy at Maynooth Colle

Dr. Murray, in reply to a deputation from a bo Friars, who waited upon him for the purpose of suading him to abandon his intention of accept Commissionership under the Act, observed that not had occurred in the progress of the discussion reference to the Bill, to induce him to regard either dangerous or objectionable to the Roman C lic religion. There were certain modifications or rations in the enactment which he judged neces and which would be made.

The Attorney-General and Solicitor-General given their opinion upon the quere if the Char donations and bequests Act does not render inval unlawful any donation or bequest to a member or n bers of religious orders in Ireland. The law offic the crown declare the Roman Catholic Relief Act no provision against such a devise, but they a that a court of equity would not enforce a tru favour of such a community. They are also opinion that the 10th Geo. 4, ch. 7, does not re such donation or bequest unlawful.

POLICE OFFICE.
FORGERY OF BANK OF IRELAND NOTES.

Sir Richard Franklin, Alderman Watson, T Vokes, Francis Spaight, and William Roche, E presided at the Police-office on Thursday, to re further information against John Fogarty, of Ti rary, shopkeeper, who stands charged with uttc counterfeit £1 notes of the Limerick, Waterford, Clonmel branch of the Bank of Ireland. The exar tion having terminated in the full committal of prisoner to the city gaol, for trial at the next sp assizes, we may state the particulars. It appears the Saturday last Fogarty went into the shop of Me Unthank, William-street, and called for the chang £1 note, which he got, and was about purchasing s articles when the shopman discovered that the was a forgery: the prisoner then said his name Fitzgerald, and took back the note, giving the man silver in return; persons who heard of the matter threw the shop to see the note, one of whom recogr Fogarty, initiated the note, and gave it to him ag Same day Fogarty passed another forged note confectioner's establishment, when buying 2d. wort cakes, and received 19s. 10d. from the person in shop. When arrested by the police in Tipperary, note he offered at Messrs. Unthank's was found ir possession, while the "Hue-and-cry" published description, stating that he had passed a forged of the same branch on Mrs. Anne Costelloe, of Patrick-street, Dublin, on the 4th of this month. consequence Mrs. Costelloe was written for, and arr in Limerick on Wednesday night. Next day she examined, and stated that the prisoner (whom identified) purchased a waistcoat from her for 3s. and pulled out a bundle of notes, from which he d one, handing it to her to pay for it; she sent her across the street for change, which she got, and har the man 16s. 6d. who on receiving it walked Soon after the person who changed the note appr her of its being a forgery. The prisoner was desire open his coat in the police office, and upon his de so Mrs. Costelloe at once recognised the waistcoa wore to be the very one she sold him when he pa the forged note on her.

No doubt but the prisoner who is reputed weal has passed very many of these notes; they well executed, with the exception of the number, w is suspicious, and calculated to arouse apprehens The paper is rather coarse, yet the impression is cl and the counterfeits would circulate well amongst industrious classes not familiar with bank notes.

The Dartmouth election will take place on Mon next. The candidates are Mr. Moffatt, and Mr. Soar a radical and conservative.