

On the 3d inst. the King of Prussia laid the first stone of the colossal bridge, which is to be thrown over the Rhine at Cologne. On this occasion the King made the following allusion to the present war:—"May God will it that before the last stone is placed peace may be restored to Europe."

The national debt is £752,644,000, and the interest annually, £22,560,350.

The English funds have again risen at a further fall, a rumour that the Bank of France has concluded a further contract for gold from this side having led to numerous speculative sales.

The prices of corn in London markets now depend on French purchasers.

Friday the inhabitants of Romsey, Hants, presented an address of congratulation to Lord Palmerston upon the capture of Sebastopol. Lord Palmerston referred to the occupation of Sebastopol in a tone of triumph, and of the operations that are to follow in a tone of determination. He spoke of the results of the contest in terms which would hardly be used were those results merely the limitations of April. Great danger, great losses, financial ruin, new military disasters to Russia, will be the consequence of a persistence in holding the Crimea. Unless Lord Palmerston greatly change his present mood, little diplomatic advantage will be gained by the Czar from any affectation of invincibility. "During 30 days," says Gortschakoff, "the garrison lost from 600 to 1,000 men a day." This is independent of the slaughter of the last three days' bombardment, and in the last supreme struggle bring six terrible assaults.

Prince Frederick William of Prussia, has left London for Berlin.

The Duke of Cambridge is on a visit with the Earl of Argyll at Knowsley.

Two Russian Cadets escaped from prison at Lewes.

Sentence of deposition from the ministry has been pronounced by the Bishop of New Jersey upon his

George Hebert Doane, a deacon of the Church, who has gone over to Rome. "It only remains for me, concludes the afflicted Prelate, humbly to ask the prayers of the faithful in Christ Jesus, that my erring child may be brought back to the way of truth and peace, and, for myself, that I may have grace to bear and do the holy will of God." The conduct of the Bishop is truly and rarely exemplary. It may, indeed, be said that he has spared not his own son when he told him, in an agony of parental feeling, when delivering the above sentence, that 'he would rather with that hand have closed his eyes in death!

Christ Church, North Brixton, is to be consecrated to-morrow by the Bishop of Winchester. The Rev. J. M'Connell Hassey is the incumbent.

The Rev. Benjamin Jowett, Fellow of Balliol College, appointed Regius Professor of Greek in the University of Oxford a Greek scholar, undoubtedly, ranks among the first of our day. Yet it is not possible to forget another fact. Mr. Jowett is the last, and probably the ablest, writer against the movement, in other words, against Christianity.

Hon. Mrs. Matheson, wife of Mr. Matheson, M.P. for Invernessburgh, on Sunday last, she had left for Church, was found in the sea at the base of a rock, which it is supposed she had climbed for the fine view of Loch Duich which it affords. The deceased lady was sister to the late Lord Beauchamp, and has left two young children.

The property of the late Henry Colburn, the publisher, is sworn under £35,000, and his widow is sole executrix, with £10,000 each to herself and sister.

Mr. Phillips, the Provost of Leith, is criminally implicated. The charge brought against the civic dignitary is criminal assault on two girls, both under the age of puberty. He has been examined before the Sheriff and Procurator Fiscal, and on Saturday was admitted to bail.

Lord John Scott's Clotilda, at Kelso races, won the Roxburgh handicap of £15 each, £200 added by the Duke of Roxburgh—32 subscribers. Mr. Wadhead's May Hope ran second by half a neck.

DUBLIN, OCTOBER 9.

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant returned to town on Saturday, per special train, from Ballinasloe accompanied by Lord Cloncurry, Mr. F. Howard, Private Secretary; Captain Vesey, R.N., A.D.C. in waiting, and Dr. Hatchell, State Physician.

The Bank of Ireland further advanced their discount on English Bills from 5 to 5½; but the rate on Irish bills remains at 5½. This is new and refreshing, as the Bank places our credit for a first time on a par with English friends.

At the half-yearly meeting on Saturday of the Kingstown Railway, a dividend of 5 per cent. for the half year was declared, leaving a considerable surplus from the profits of the half year.

The income of the Kingstown railway last six months was £23,541; the expenditure £10,696.

Miss Ellen Couran, late of Dublin, has made a brilliant debut at Florence in the opera of Lucrezia, where she is known as Signorina Conrari.

A seat in Council for Exchange ward is vacant, by Mr. Holbrook's death.

There were collections on Sunday, in all the Dublin chapels, for the Catholic University.

A shed, erected on the Pier of Kingstown, to receive the luggage of passengers landing from the Holyhead packets, would remove all the great complaints nightly made.

NEWSPAPER CIRCULATION.

Parliamentary return of Stamps issued to the following Newspapers from the 31st of December, 1854, to the 1st July, 1855, being a period of Six Months:—

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE,	70,500
Reporter and Vindicator,	30,500
Munster News,	16,000
Herald,	12,500
Examiner,	10,000

* * * To CORRESPONDENTS.—"M. W. B." is received; also the letter of James M'Carthy, from the Crimea.

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 10.

By TELEGRAPH.

The Allied fleets anchored before Odessa upon the morning of the 8th October, and opened fire upon the arsenal yesterday morning.

Let us hope this attack will not prove so indecisive and unsatisfactory as the partial bombardment by the fleet last year.

The inhabitants of Armagh have invited George Dunbar, Esq. an intimate friend and connexion of Lord Primate Beresford, to offer himself for the representation of that city, in room of the late Counsellor Moore.

Mr. Dawson, of Dublin, got 5 horses, for which in the aggregate, he gave nearly 700l. He bought two of those from Mr. Williams, of Summerhill, for £300. The horned cattle fair commenced on Monday, with a very large supply and a brisk demand. Dudley Perse, Esq. sold a top lot of 27 three-year-old heifers at £17; lot of 25 do. at £15; a lot of 50 Kerry heifers at £10; Charles D'Arcy, a lot of 10 bullocks at £13 5s. Robert Kelly, Esq. Tuam, sold 40 three-year-old heifers, at £16 10s; Sir Thomas Burke, Bart, 100, at £13 10s.; the Marquis of Clanricarde, 23, at £17; John Irwin, Rosecommon, 32, at £17; Lord Dunsandle, first lot, at £16; second lot, at £14 10s; third, at £13 2s; fourth, £12 11s. Lord Ashdown sold at £16 5s each. The stock, on the whole, was very fine. As to prices, experienced stock masters say they were £1 down.

Robert Fetherstone, Esq. Ahaline, and Robert Cox, Esq. Ballinamona, are candidates for the vacant Coronership in this county. Their addresses to the electors appear in our Advertising columns.

LIMERICK UNION.—The usual weekly meeting of the Board of Guardians of this union was held on Friday at the workhouse, E. H. Goggin Esq., in the chair. State of the House—admitted during the week, 61; discharged, 91; Died, 7; remaining on Saturday, 1593; Finance—Received during the week, £460 7s. 5d.; Paid £2505, 13s. 5d. Balance in favour of the Board of Guardians, 3,670l.; amount of outstanding rate £6800. This is a most satisfactory state of finance, and reflects great credit on the admirable management of the finances and accounts of the union under Mr. Naish. Every shilling due to contractors, officers, and all claimants up to the 29th September last has been paid, the house expenses are being reduced, and the affairs of the union are altogether in a most satisfactory condition.

The list of ex-officio guardians for Limerick union, elected on 29th, appears in fourth page.

At a meeting of the Newcastle Guardians on Thursday, Edward Curling, Esq. Chairman presiding—the number in the house was 657. Balance in favour of union 1643l. Messrs. Russell and Sons were declared contractors for bread stuffs and best bread. Mr. Horsely, Poor Law Inspector, has entered upon the investigation of charges brought by the Master against the Matron of Tralee workhouse.

Poor rates are struck in Listowel Union, ranging from four pence in Gullane electoral division, to 2s 2d. in Listowel.

There is not an able-bodied man left in Lisiowei workhouse.

The *Jane Black*, of and from this port, with passengers, on the 30th July, arrived at Quebec on the 14th September, all well. The *Jessy*, also of and from this port, arrived out on the 22d September. The *Jane Black* was to sail with timber for this port, on the 1st October, inst.

The winners at Tramore races on Monday were Mr. Foley's Trapper, Mr. Osborne's Ariel, and Mr. M'Guire's Wild Irish Girl.

THE O'CONNELL MONUMENT.

Yesterday at twelve o'clock, the Committee of the O'Connell Testimonial met at the Town Hall, for the purpose of taking up possession of the site at the Crescent granted by the Town Council for that purpose. The eminent national sculptor, Hogan, who is to execute the statue, was present, and was very cordially received by the members of the Committee, and by a large number of citizens who were in attendance. The Committee soon after formed in procession preceded by two Banners of the congregated Trades, viz the Butchers and the Sawyers, and followed by a concourse of people. In this order they walked up thro' Patrick-street and George-street, and halted at the centre of the Crescent, opposite the house of Alderman Russell, where the ground had been marked out. Among these present we observed the Rev. Messrs. Brahan, P.P.; O'Connor, P.P.; Moore, P.P.; O'Rourke, P.P.; Patrick's Well; Coghlan, D.D.; Ryan, C.C.; O'Brien, Chaplain of the Good Shepherd; Bergin, O.S.F.; Cosgrove, O.S.F.; the Secretaries, Rev. R. J. O'Higgins and Mr. Lenihan, Major Gavin, J.P.; Cahill Powell, J.P.; T. Boyse, J.P.; Eugene O'Callaghan, J.P.; R. M'Mahon, J.P.; the Town Clerk—Mr. Murphy, the Treasurer—Mr. O'Neill; J. T. Devitt, J.P.; M. Kelly, T.C.; J. Barry, T.C.; M. O'Donnell, T.C.; Alderman O'Connell, D. Cullen, T.C.; S. Hastings, T.C.; P. Shannon, T.C.; M. Carroll, D. Grimes, M. O'Regan, J. Robinson, D. M'Namara, M. Holahan, J. Ryan, J. Quinn, R. Raleigh, D. Ryan, J. Lally, P. Bowles, J. Carroll, W. Gleeson, S. O'Donnell, jun., B. M'Nulty, J. F. Walker, and several others. Here the colours were placed at each side, and the principal members of the Committee, and several leading friends of O'Connell among the citizens of Limerick, having formed a circle round a place which had been excavated for the planting of a pole to mark the precise spot where the statue would be placed.

The Town Clerk (Joseph Murphy, Esq.) came forward and said—Mr. High Sheriff and Gentlemen of the Committee, it affords me the most sincere gratification that it has devolved upon me to transfer to you the possession of this noble site for the erection of a monument to the greatest of Irishmen, O'Connell—(Loud cheers.) A follower myself, and a sincere admirer of his principles and policy, I have assisted in my humble way in commemorating his virtues amongst us in a manner commensurate with his fame, and at the same time worthy of this ancient and historic city—(Vehement cheering.) The Corporation of Limerick, responding to public opinion, has assigned this site to the erection of a monumental testimonial, to commemorate his distinguished public services; and in handing it over to you, Gentlemen, as their public officer, beg to say, that no act of my life has afforded me more sincere and heartfelt pleasure—(Prolonged cheers.) To you, Mr. High Sheriff, and Gentlemen of the Committee, I now cheerfully give up this plot of ground for the erection of a statue to him to whose memory Ireland is only now beginning to do justice. The worthy and much respected Town-Clerk then lifted a piece of the soil from the excavation, and handed it to the High Sheriff, as the formal mode of conveying possession, amid great cheering, waving of the banners, &c.

Caleb Powell, Esq. then came forward, and was received with loud applause. He said he hoped he should not be deemed presumptuous in acceding to a request that had been made to him in proposing a resolution which he should submit to the assembly.—For many a year he (Mr. Powell) had been a strenuous advocate of Corporate reform, and he was happy to see in the present instance a strong illustration of the benefits derived from it—(hear, hear.) He, as the humble mouth-piece of his fellow-citizens, did now present himself to return, on their part, their most sincere thanks to one of these reformed institutions, which had complied with the wishes of the majority, he might say the unanimous feeling of their fellow-citizens—(cheers.) He had for many years an oppor-

ty to execute this monument, and who had promised to put into the execution of it all the talent, energy, and earnestness with which God had gifted him. It would be with him a labour of love, and with it he was content that his future artistic reputation should rest and be judged of (cheers.)

Mr. Hogan then came forward and returned his most grateful thanks for the compliment that had been paid him by the citizens of Limerick, which he should use his best exertion to justify and deserve—(loud cheers.)

A large white pole presented for the purpose by Eugene O'Callaghan, Esq. J.P. was then firmly imbedded in the earth on the spot chosen, and the proceedings terminated by a vote of thanks to the High Sheriff, which was heartily responded to.

MELANCHOLY DEATH OF A YOUNG WOMAN

CORONER'S INQUEST.

On Sunday afternoon, considerable excitement was created in William-street, which soon spread all over the city, by reason of its becoming known that a young woman, a servant in the house of Mr. Haynes, flour dealer, 42, William-street, had been found dead in her bed that morning, under circumstances which, according to current reports, would lead to the suspicion that she had not died a natural death. Crowds, composed of the most part for females, continued to assemble in front of the house, discussing everything which was known or rumoured relating to the unfortunate young woman. Until the termination of the inquest, it would, however, be improper further to advert to these unauthenticated statements. Information was sent to the police, who at once came to the premises, and sent a despatch for the Coroner. On Monday, the matter having become more generally known through the city, the excitement became still greater, the crowds of people in front of the house much larger, and it required the active exertions of several of the constabulary during the day to keep the pressure of people from the door. The house was shut up all day, and the flagway and more than half the middle of the street was quite impassable, from the crowds of people. The deceased, Honora Burke, aged 18, was servant in the house, and the family consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Haynes, and Mr. John Haynes, brother of the owner of the house. It was known the deceased was *enclave*, and was within two months of her confinement. The body lay on a table in the kitchen, close to the window, and could be seen by the people above through the grating in the flagway, a circumstance which increased the curiosity and clamour of the crowd. It was intimated that the inquest would be held at one o'clock, and while the police were collecting a jury, the Reporters of the Press, and a few others, were admitted, but so great was the rush that the Police on the door had a considerable difficulty in keeping a passage only for the jurors, witnesses and officials whose presence was required. At one o'clock the Coroner, Dr. W. C. Murphy, arrived, and the following jury was sworn:—David Johnston, Foreman, James Macnary, James M'Gee, Francis Vanesbeck, Ambrose Hall, Michael Cusack, Thomas R. Hamilton, William Purcell, Richard Cahill, David Landers, P. Genoux, and Joseph Toddhunter. The jury then proceeded to view the body. It was that of a well-featured young woman; the face much swollen and livid, the neck and right arm much discoloured, and the hands in a rather cramped attitude, raised over the upper part of the breast. They then returned to the parlour, when the following witnesses were examined:—

Mrs. Maria Hynes, sworn—Knew the deceased for the last 9 months; she lived with witness as servant; she was rather delicate for the first two or three weeks when she came; she appeared better on Saturday than she since she came; she preferred sleeping in the kitchen; saw her between 10 and 11 on Saturday night; on Sunday morning witness brother-in-law, John Haynes, said to witness that there was something the matter with Nory, that she was dead; witness went down and saw her lying on her little bed; her hair was all crumpled about her forehead; she had been taking medicine from Dr. Homan and Dr. Seward, of Caherconlish; she had all the appearance of being in the family way, but witness thought she was so proper a person that it was not the case; she was awfully swelled, and witness wished she should be examined by Dr. Homan, but she did not go to him for that purpose, though told by her to do so; the medicine she got from Dr. Homan was two boluses and a draught; the exact words her brother used were, "Maria, something is the matter with Nory; I called her three or four times and got no answer; I think she is dead."

Mr. Edward Homan sworn—Deceased got some medicine about a month since—a bolus and a draught; witness desired her to come again but she did not; it struck him that she was pregnant, but she did not admit it; she complained of swelling in her stomach and violent headache; she would not submit to any examination.

Mathew Burke, watchman, sworn—About 2 o'clock on Saturday night, I was on duty in William-street; was on the opposite side of the street; heard screams as of a female being ill-treated by a man; the screams came from the direction of this house, there was a minute or so between each; did not come over to the house. [The watchman described the screams, which he said appeared to come from a woman.]

Witness here became weak and had to leave the room for a short time; he seemed quite nervous and confused. On his examination being resumed he said the noise was like as if she slept uneasy in her bed; did not report the circumstance to the police or to his officer, at the watch-house. Did not say anything of having heard the screaming, until after he heard of the woman's death; was opposite this house at the time; but could not say positively it was from this house; saw a light in Mr. Lander's nursery next door, and did not come across the street as the noise might be from there.

To a Juror—The screams lasted about 8 or 10 minutes; could not tell if they were those of a woman or of a child; they became very weak.

Coroner—I will certainly feel it my duty to recommend to the authorities to dismiss you from your situation; you certainly did not do your duty on Saturday night, and I believe every one in the room is satisfied that you contradicted yourself several times.

Dr. Kane here arrived, and after a short consultation with the Coroner, stated that it would be necessary for him to make a post-mortem examination on the body, and also to analyse the contents of the stomach, which would take him some time. The inquest was accordingly adjourned to 10 o'clock this morning.

THIS DAY

The inquest was further adjourned until to-morrow to enable Dr. Kane to complete his analysis of the contents of the stomach. The *post mortem* examination took place on Monday, when the body of a male child was removed from the corpse, and buried with it yesterday at Caherconlish, of which place the deceased was a native.

Leutenant Sullivan, 82d. The promotion of that brave man was in effect, a victory for all the non-commissioned officers and privates in the army, Lord Raglan gracefully introduced the names of of others into his own subsequent despatches.

Lieut. Steward, 67th, is the mimic rifle instructor to the Depot Battalion in this garrison.

Small pox has appeared in the Depot Battalions in this garrison, and Staff Surgeon Cowan makes medical inspection of the men daily. A quantity of lymph, for vaccination, has been received from Dublin.

Captain Craddock, late 17th, in this garrison, is gazetted to the Adjutancy of the East York Militia.

A son of George W. Leech, Esq. J.P. Rathkeale Abbey, is appointed to a commission in the Line.

Yesterday the Earl of Cardigan inspected all the Cavalry Depots at Newbridge, and this day the Queen's Bays and 16th Lancers will be reviewed by his lordship in Dublin.

Generals Sir De Lacy Evans, and Sir Michael Creagh are in Paris.

A grand Field-day took place at the Curragh on Saturday, Lord Seaton, attended by a brilliant staff, attended in person. The 'hero of Balaklava,' Lord Cardigan, was present. After the field day, Lord Cardigan and the staff were entertained at luncheon by Lord Seaton. The Royal County Limerick Regt. are about the strongest Regt. in camp. The 1st Brigade under Col. W. Smith, were paraded on Monday at 11 a.m. for Lord Cardigan's inspection, and performed several movements in good style. The 2d Brigade in the evening were practised in pitching tents, in presence of Lord Seaton. The Armagh Regt. which belongs to this brigade, expected to leave in a day or two for Cork and England. The Newbridge cavalry went thro' a field day yesterday, commanded by Lord Cardigan, Lord Seaton, and a vast number of Staff and Regimental officers were present. The officers in camp expect to be sent into winter quarters about the end of this month, the hutment to be taken charge of by three or four fresh Regts. Several changes in the Staff are talked of. Col. W. Smith, now in command of the 1st Brigade, it is said, will command the camp. The Brigade Major of the 1st Brigade, Major Roche, a Cork man, a first-rate officer and a great favourite, is spoken of for some appointment elsewhere. The church and chapel will be finished just as the present troops are about leaving, but will be of use to those that come. Lord Seaton has given great satisfaction as a commander. He will return to Dublin in about a fortnight.

Drafts for the Crimea—Lieut. Maxwell, Ensigns Gardiner and Tulloch, 1st Royals. Captain King, Adjutant Consmaker, Ensigns Parnell and Hayward, 3rd. Lieuts. Traherne and Sparks; Ensigns Cole, Montgomery, O'Brien, and Rumbold, 7th. Captain Heigham, Ensigns Bossell, Gosling, and Huttin, 23rd. Captain Lyons, Lieut. Waddy, Ensigns Cobbe and Daly, 46th, all from Winchester.

One hundred and twenty of the 49th Depot arrived in Cork this day, for the Crimea.

Col. O'Brien, now Assistant Quartermaster-General at Cork, is said to be the successor to Col. Clarke at the Horse Guards.

Yesterday, five candidates for Army commissions were rejected. The next examinations will be on the 16th and 25th inst.

Messrs. Keys, Limerick, bought troopers for the 8th Hussars at Ballinasloe; they paid £35 to £45 each for young horses. Mr. Hartigan purchased for the 16th Lancers, 8 remounts, at £40 each, and he wanted 240, but could not match them. Col. Robert bought several colts for the Constabulary. The supply of horses was not equal to that of last year.

The police barrack windows in Athlone were demolished on Sunday night, by soldiers of the 60th Rifles and South Mayo Militia.

Two deserters of the 21st were arrested at Liverpool, for robbery of £15 and part of their wardrobe, from Ensigns Hamilton and Smith, at Birr barracks.

Lieut. Kemp, 1st Dragoon Guards, is appointed Paymaster to the Depot at Exeter, consisting of six troops and the contingent of Scots Greys.

Captain Grange, of the 1st West India Regt. is about to exchange with Capt. Hamilton, of the Canadian Rifles, and formerly of the 2d, or Queen's Royals.

Colonel Clarke, 76th Regt. although senior to Sir Gaspard Le Marchant, does not command at Halifax. Capt. Coney, 7th Fusiliers, succeeds his uncle, Capt. Labalmontiere, as inspecting superintendent of the London metropolitan police, and who was promoted to commissioner, in room of the late Capt. Hay.

Were the retired medical officers, living in the Colonies, appointed to do duty in them, it would enable Government to withdraw effective medical officers for service in the Crimea, where they are required.

Lt.-Col. Bradford, who recently exchanged into the Canadian Regt. from the Rifle Brigade, has obtained 3 months leave.

Lieut. Preston, 76th, expects a company in the Foreign Legion.

Capt. Beresford, 16th Foot, has returned to England for the purpose of retiring from the service. Capt. Maedonald, 16th, is appointed to a Staff situation.

Colonels Horn, 20th, and Garrett, 46th, have now the rank of the former Brigadier, the other Major-General in Turkey.

Her Majesty has appointed the Prince of Saxe Weimar, Captain in the Grenadier Guards, to be one of the Royal Aides-de-Camp, in room of the late Col. Tylden, R.E. His father-in-law, the Duke of Richmond, is also Aide-de-Camp to her Majesty.

The 97th is now commanded by Captain Leigh, all the senior officers having been struck down at the Redan.

Lt.-Col. Eman, C.B. 41st, has fallen a victim to his dangerous wounds in the Redan. Major Pratt, Capt. Steward and Lieut. Lowry obtains the vacant steps in the Regt.

Lieut. Kerr, 30th, has died of his wounds; also Lt. Goodenough, 97th.

The 12th, or Royal Lancers, are complete to their full establishment.

Major-General Garrett will have the command of the Fourth Division in the Crimea, vacant by Major-General Bentinck's return home. Major-General Windham will command the second Division.

Major-General Markham has resigned his command in the Crimea, from ill health.

Lieut. Disney, 7th Fusiliers, was robbed of a silver powder box in London last week, on his return from the Crimea.

By the death of Capt. Poole, 23d, from his wounds, Lieut. Millett obtains a company. The Italian Legion are sending out English Paymaster Sergeants, at a pay of 6s per diem.

The two battalions of Yagers of the German Legion at Shorncliffe will be sent to Malta.

The officers of the 75th Regt. have subscribed for, and erected, a memorial stone in honour of Lieut. Meynell, who fell whilst bravely leading a party of Turks against the Russians at Giurgevo last year.

The public illuminations and joyous feeling of military and civil at Gibraltar, for the fall of Sebastopol, were never surpassed by any demonstration there.

The French Government is buying oats in the English market, for shipment to the Crimea.