

periods of innocent resignation. Who has such a rich source of pleasure on Christmas Day as papa, with all his boys and girls around him? He has his own happiness and theirs also, and the future is all bright with hopes to crown Christmas Days to come. Ten years ago I was privileged to take my dinner with a nonagenarian. His grown-up sons and daughters were all about him; they were the men and women, he was the child; and they set him up in his chair, and helped him to everything he wanted, and patted him lovingly, as he had helped and patted them when they were children. He had had his reward on that his last Christmas Day; for loving hands guided him, and loving lips kissed him, as he bade us all good night, thanking God that he had been as happy that day as he had ever been any day of his long life.—Christmas Number of "London Society."

BIRTHS.

On the 6th inst., at Meelick Fort, the wife of Thomas Frost, Esq., of a son.
 At Rossbrin Manor, county Cork, the wife of H. D. Baird, Esq., of a daughter.
 At Westland-row, Dublin, the wife of D. W. Cruice, Esq., of a son and heir.
 At Lower Mount-street, Dublin, the wife of Henry F. White, Esq., of a son.
 At Lower Sackville-street, Dublin, the wife of E. S. Lauder, Esq., of a daughter.
 At Vava Cottage, Wicklow, the wife of the Rev. Henry Rooke, of a son.
 At Easton-place, London, the wife of Lieutenant-Colonel Hogg, of a son.
 At Oxford, the wife of Dr. Rolliston, of a daughter.
 At Felstead Vicarage, Essex, the wife of the Rev. R. R. Pennington Stanley, of a son.
 At Albion-road, St. John's Wood, the wife of Surgeon-Major Hare, of a son.
 At Netherseale Old Hall, Leicestershire, the wife of Capt. H. Bagot, R.N., of a daughter.
 At Kussowic, East Indies, the wife of Colonel Prat, C.B., 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

On the 3rd instant, at Writtle, Essex, Thomas, only son of T. M. Osborne, Esq., of Clifton, county Cork, to Frances Alice, eldest daughter of J. A. Hardcastle, Esq., M.P. for Bury St. Edmund's.
 At St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Glasgow, Capt. L. Edward O'Connor, 7th Regt., son of Colonel L. Smyth O'Connor, C.B., Inspecting Field Officer, Northern District, Ireland, to Mary Helena de Jersey, daughter of Angus Turner, Esq., Woodside-terrace, Glasgow.
 At Okeover, Staffordshire, S. W. Clowes, Esq., of Broughton Old Hall, Lancashire, to the Hon. Adelaide Cavendish, daughter of the late Lord Waterpark.
 At Hill, Gloucestershire, Frederick Henry, son of the Rev. Thomas and Lady Louisa Cator, to Frances Sophia Vaughan, daughter of the Rev. Sir Edward Harry Vaughan Colt, Bart., of Hill, Gloucestershire.
 At Kidderminster, Major the Hon. Augustus Anson, M.P., to Amelia Maria, daughter of the Rev. T. L. Cloughton, vicar of Kidderminster.
 At St. George's, Hanover-square, London, Charles William, son of the Rev. Lord Charles Paulet, to Susan Amelia, daughter of the late Wm. Standish Standish, Esq., of Duxbury.
 At St. Michael's-in-the-Hamlet, Liverpool, Capt. Crabham, Adjutant Salop Militia, to Agnes, daughter of D. Campbell, Esq., Fulwood-park, Liverpool.
 At Naples, M. Luigi Avolio, coral merchant, to Mary Anne, daughter of Mr. P. Keane, of Ballyin Cottage, county Waterford, and niece of the Right Rev. Dr. Keane, E.C.B., of Cloyna.
 At Point de Galle, Sealy S. Swan, Esq., of Harrow, Ramboide, Ceylon, to Fannie, daughter of Charles Tarrant, Esq., C.E., County Surveyor, Waterford.
 At the British Embassy, Paris, Captain James Burnie Lind, Bengal Staff Corps, to Frances, daughter of Sir John F. Davis, Bart., K.C.B.

DEATHS.

At 57, George-street, in this city, on the 7th inst., sincerely and deservedly regretted by a large circle of relatives and friends, Matilda, relict of the late William Bentley, Esq., J.P., of Hurlston, in the county of Clare, and only daughter of the late Stambles Phillips, Esq., of Mount-Phillips, in the county of Tipperary, barrister-at-law, aged 77 years. Her remains will leave for interment in the family vault at Kilsilly, near Broadford, on Thursday, the 10th inst., at 7 o'clock A.M.
 On the 5th inst., at 1, Brighton-terrace, Kingstown, after a few days illness, to the inexpressible grief of her afflicted family, Eleanor Matilda, aged 24 years, youngest daughter of Wm. Standish Wolfe, Esq.
 On Thursday, Susan, daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Mungovan, Beechpark, county Clare.
 At Upper Mount-street, Dublin, Florence Nanette, daughter of Robert F. Franks, Esq.
 At Sandford, county Dublin, Mrs. Anne Ransford, relict of the late Edward Harman Ransford, Esq.
 At York-street, Dublin, Martha Jones Westby, daughter of the late Edward Westby, Esq., High Park, county Wicklow.
 At Heytesbury-terrace, Dublin, John Henry, son of the Rev. George Salmon.
 At Mountpleasant, Kingstown, Sarah, relict of William Greene, late of Beaufort Lodge, Kingstown, Esq.
 Mrs. Mary Hawthorn, relict of the late Thomas Hawthorn, Esq., of Greenan, Loughbrickland, county Down.
 At Lyons, in France, Ellen Mary, wife of Joseph Tuite, Esq., of Cullin, Mullingar.
 At Kensington Park-gardens, London, Emily, widow of General James F. Salter.
 At Bridlington Quay, Arthur, son of the late Sir William Strickland, Bart., of Boynton, Yorkshire.
 At Whitlow, near Sheffield, John Henry Waterfall, Esq., late of the 5th Royal Irish Lancers.
 At Harold's Hall, Bedfordshire, Richard W. Magenis, Esq.
 At Milborne-grove, West Brompton, Henry Wm. Moleworth, Esq., Paymaster R.N.
 At Brighton, Elizabeth, widow of General Sir Jeffery Prædergast.
 At the Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth, Edmund Malone, Esq., R.N., a Lieutenant of that establishment.
 At Torrington-square, the Rev. A. S. Thelwall, Lecturer on Public Reading at King's College, London.

preparation.

J. & W. LAIRD,
 Family Chemists, Druggists, Perfumers,
 Oil and Spice Merchants,
 Late of J. A. Ray's, Druggist to the Lord Lieutenant,
 118, GEORGE'S-STREET, LIMERICK,
 Opposite the Club House.
 N.B.—A considerable reduction to large consumers
 and wholesale purchasers.
 December 8. 18/5

Atlantic Royal Mail Steam Navigation Company (Limited)

THE Directors are prepared to receive Tenders for the undermentioned Stores and other articles, to be supplied to the Company's Steam Ships, at Galway:—

PROVISIONS,
 CORDAGE, SAILS AND CANVASS,
 ENGINE AND OTHER OILS,
 DRUGS AND CHEMICALS,
 PAINTS,
 SHIP CHANDLERY, BRUSHES, &c.
 For Particulars and Schedule of Articles required, apply at the Company's Office, Galway, or to the undersigned.

H. BOIS, Secretary,
 95, Bishopsgate-street, London,
 5th December, 1863.

National Insurance Company of Ireland.

ESTABLISHED 1822, AND INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE, 3, COLLEGE GREEN, DUBLIN.
 CAPITAL ONE MILLION.

THIS Old Established Company continues to effect FIRE, LIFE, AND MARINE INSURANCES, on the most liberal terms; and all claims are adjusted with that promptitude and liberality which have given satisfaction to the Public for the last 39 years.

JOSEPH TODHUNTER
 Secretary.

AGENT AT LIMERICK,
 William Carroll,
 Chamber of Commerce.

Dec 8.

America.

I wish respectfully to direct the attention of the Public to a subject which is brought with the greatest importance to almost all classes of society. To the private gentleman because attention to it would save him 5, 10 and sometimes 15 per cent. of his daily expenditure. To the hard working farmer and labouring man because they are often tricked and cheated. To the country shopkeeper because it would free him from an endless variety of annoyance. To the large merchant and warehouse-man because it would establish business on a more honourable, independent and moral basis; and to servants, messengers and carriers and such like, because it would teach them to observe more upright conduct to their employers. I allude to the practice so general of bringing servants with a view of procuring their master's custom. Perhaps there are few (excepting those who are in trade) who have an adequate idea of the extent to which this system is carried out. I have seen it practised in such a variety of ways that I am at a loss where to commence in order publicly to expose a practice so universal and so ramified. But firmly convinced that such practices are unfair, unjust, dishonest; nothing will dissuade me from using every means within my reach of keeping down such methods of transacting business, more especially as I have to contend with them in business to my own great loss. Want of space prevents me from entering into the subject as fully as I would wish in one letter, therefore I propose writing a continuation of articles on the subject, which I hope may be very generally read. In doing so I have no desire unnecessarily to make my name appear in this way. I do so in self-defence because I have in common with many who hold similar views to fight in trade against a sweeping tide of unfair opposition. I have tried quiet argument with servants and messengers at the counter, entering into the motives which deterred me from conforming to their demands, but all this proving in most cases useless. I now appeal through the medium of the press to the right feelings of the intelligent public on the subject.

J. JACOB,
 Irish and American Bacon Dealer,
 11, Patrick-street, 3, High-street, and Fikes Row,
 LIMERICK.
 (To be Continued.)
 December 1.

WHICH, in consequence of their uniform good quality, and great illuminating power, are now in larger demand than those of any other makers in the world, can be obtained at 7s. 6d. per dozen, or 8d per lb.,

FROM
MICHAEL EGAN.
 (Corner of Patrick and Ellen Streets, Limerick.)
 Nov. 21.

FURS! FURS!!

4, DAME-STREET,
 (Next to the Lower Castle-gate).

John M. Barnardo

RESPECTFULLY calls the attention of the Nobility, Gentry, and the Public to his large Stock of

FUR GOODS,
 Manufactured under his immediate inspection into the Newest Parisian Fashions, consisting of MUFFS, QUEEN'S BOAS, COLLARETTES DE DENMARK,
 BEST REAL SOUTH SEA SEALSKIN PALETOTS,

An immense Assortment of FUR TRIMMING; and CLOAK LININGS.

J. M. B. being about to Sell off his entire Stock, is able to offer them at considerably lower Prices than other houses.

N.B.—SKINS Dressed, Altered, and Mounted, in a superior manner on the Premises.
 Dec. 3.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAN

were some time since compelled, in the interests committed to their charge, to exhibit the utter incorrectness of certain assertions of the SCOTCH WIDOWS' FUND LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY by a simple statement of facts, incapable of being controverted; and they regret to be under the necessity of issuing a further short Statement, proving that the comparative figures now put forward and extensively pressed into notice by that Society are, in so far as they relate to the Association, also totally erroneous.

THE FURTHER STATEMENT will be furnished to applicants at any of the Offices of the Association—

EDINBURGH—82 PRINCES STREET,
 LONDON—20 KING WILLIAM STREET,
 CITY.

DUBLIN—57 DAME-STREET,
 GLASGOW—2 VICTORIA PLACE,
 REGENT-STREET.

JOHN FRASER,
 Manager
 LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND'S OFFICE,
 10th Nov., 1863.
 November 17, 1863

Limerick Union.

THE Board of Guardians, at its meeting, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th inst., will receive tenders for the following works:—

Enlarging Windows of Male Lunatic Ward, Mason, Carpenter, and Slater's Work in Apartment for Lunatic Keeper.
 Repairing Locks.
 Erecting Six Chimney Caps.
 Do. Shelving in Fever Hospital.

Any information required respecting the Works can, on application to Mr. MacInerney, be afforded.

By order,
 H. NAISH, Clerk of Union Office, 2nd Dec., 1863.

Limerick Union.

THE Board of Guardians, at its meeting, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th Inst., will receive Tenders for the supply of

100 PAIR OF BLANKETS,
 According to the Standard Sample, to be seen at the Workhouse.
 Metal Sashes, at per foot.
 1 dozen Night Chairs, at per.

By order,
 H. NAISH, Clerk of Union Office, 2nd Dec., 1863.