

as reported, that I wanted to put on a ring the same as the old Corporation. There never was a more unfounded statement; the ring I ordered before any resolution of the Council was made was the same in every way as the one put on for my father, who, it was well known, did not belong to the old Corporation.

Believe me, truly yours,
THOMAS BOYSE, ex-Mayor.

Dec. 9, 1870.

THE PEWS IN THE LIMERICK CATHEDRAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.
Limerick, Dec., 1870.

SIR,—I saw a letter which appeared in your paper last week about some ladies having been turned by some other ladies out of pews in St. Mary's, and am surprised no person made any reply to it. Had the ladies who unfortunately got turned out been regular attendants, they would have known that some pews in the Cathedral are appropriated to such families as do regularly attend, or are resident parishioners, who, as a matter of course, give their friends leave to sit in them when they themselves are absent. It is idle to think that in any parish or other church parishioners or any one else and their families will continue, if they have any choice, to attend services in any building where they are subject to be kept standing in the aisle by reason of strangers having been put into their usual seats, to say nothing in case they are ladies, of having to stand the stare of the congregation besides. It is certainly unfortunate that the mishap alluded to should have happened to ladies who came to our Irish Church service almost for the first time, but they surely cannot object to a few seats being appropriated, as a matter of right, to particular families, and they must know that the same is done in every dissenting church in the kingdom where persons rent the sittings, and who would, I have no doubt, think it very strange if they found them occupied by others at their entrance. I rather think if such a course of action was persisted in, by direction of the authorities of the building, they would very soon take themselves and their rent elsewhere. The establishment of a church with purely free and unappropriated sittings has been tried persistently for a long time in England, and has never been successful in securing a regular attendance of the same individual congregation. The best way of managing such matters is to settle to have a certain number of purely free seats unappropriated to any one; when the number is fixed upon, to draw lots to see which of the pews are to be free, and then appropriate the rest among such as regularly attend. This way of acting is found to suit admirably, as it does not shove into a back corner those who may be strangers or poor, while it gives the regular attendant and his family a seat which he can call his own. I hope this course may be acted on in St. Mary's under the new regime in 1871.

A POOR PROTESTANT.

CLAIM OF CLERKS AND SEXTONS.

TO THE REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND.

The petition of the associated parish clerks and sextons of the Church of Ireland.

Humbly sheweth, that your petitioners believe that a general commutation and compounding of the incomes of clerks and sextons would be beneficial to the interests of the Irish Church;

That your petitioners having carefully considered the resolution on commutation, &c., adopted by your body, respectfully request a modification of resolution 13, on the following grounds:—

"That it restricts the right of compounding to parishes where their services shall not be henceforward required, thus virtually limiting that right to parishes where amalgamation may be deemed necessary. That from the similarity of circumstances affecting the services of the clergy and church officers, and as the benefits to the Church would be proportional from their compounding, we respectfully ask to be allowed that right, subject to the consent of our respective incumbents."

That for these reasons your petitioners respectfully request a modification of resolution 13 of your report on commutation.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

Persons wishing to forward this petition will send their names to Mr. E. Reburn, Doon Glebe Schools, Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick, on or before the 30th inst.

THE SIEGE OF BELFORT.

Montbello, Tuesday.

The Prussians are proceeding vigorously with their attack on Belfort, which is making a splendid defence. The enemy succeeded in occupying Dautouten, but was subsequently driven out with great losses. One regiment is said to have been cut up. The Prussians acknowledge that the siege of Belfort cost more men than all the other strongholds.

The battle of Beaufeny was renewed yesterday by the Duke of Mecklenburg who took six cannon and a thousand prisoners. Considerable loss on both sides.

The Duke of Mecklenburg announces from Meung that the French army was completely destroyed yesterday.

Versailles, Thursday.

In marching towards Beaufeny the 17th Division encountered, yesterday, west of Meung, a fresh corps of the enemy, consisting of from fifteen to seventeen battalions, with about 25 guns, and drove them out of all their positions in the course of a sharp fight, in which the 1st Bavarian Division also successfully took part. The enemy lost 260 prisoners, one cannon, and one mitrailleuse. On the same day the 6th Cavalry Division, near Salbris, and the advanced guard of the 3rd Army Corps, near Nevo, to the north-west of Gien, overtook and successfully engaged the rear guard of the Loire army, which was continuing to retreat.

Meung, Thursday.

Headquarters, Grand Duke of Mecklenburg.—A severe but victorious battle was fought to-day by the Duke of Mecklenburg's troops against three French army corps. The German loss is not inconsiderable; that of the enemy is much greater. Six cannon and about 1,000 prisoners are in our hands.

Lille, Friday.

Communication with Havre has been re-established.

A Brussels telegram states, that in consequence of calling out the married men of the Landwehr an *emute* has occurred in the Annerstrasse in Berlin. The disorder was at once entirely suppressed by military force.

The Prussians have inflicted on Dornace a fine of 25,000 francs.

Mulhouse continues in occupation of the Prussians whose administration is installed.

CORK BUTTER MARKET—THIS DAY.

ORDINARY.		MILD CURED.	
Firsts,	136s	Firsts,	150s
Seconds,	125s	Seconds,	129s
Thirds,	114s	Thirds,	118s
Fourths,	104s	Fourths,	—s
Fifths,	96s	Fifths,	—s
Sixths,	67s	Sixths,	—s

1050 firkins in market. 76 firkins in market.

DUBLIN CATTLE MARKET.

L. Cuffe and Sons' Report.

5, Smithfield, Dublin, 8th Dec., 1870.

We had to-day a very large increase in the supply of both sheep and cattle, which had a very unfavourable effect on sales, top quality beef alone maintaining last week's rates, while inferior sorts sold only at reduced prices. The depression was not so visible on mutton, which, generally speaking, held its own.

Prime beef, 65s to 73s per cwt.; secondary and inferior, 55s to 63s per do.; prime wether, 74d to 8d per lb.; ewe, 6d to 7d per do.

Beasts, 3,163; sheep, 7,348.

CORN MARKET.

Barley was a shade firmer during the week at our Corn Exchange. Other descriptions of grain unaltered.

Wheat—White, 29s to 32s 6d per cwt.; red, 27s to 31s 0d Barley—Malting, 16s 6d to 17s 3d per cwt.; grinding, 14s 9d to 16s 6d. Oats—White, 12s 6d to 14s 6d per cwt.; black, 12s 6d to 13s 6d.

LONDON CORN MARKET—YESTERDAY.

Market firm, but unaltered. English and foreign wheat firm, at full prices. Town flour unaltered. Country marks rather dearer; American firm. Barley unchanged. Oats rather in favour of sellers. Maize very firm, owing to the absence of arrivals. Beans and peas firm. British—Wheat, 320 qrs; barley, 810 qrs. Foreign—Wheat, 16,570 qrs; barley, 981 qrs; oats, 30,560 sacks; flour, 390 sacks.

presentation of the same to the Bishop, in the hope that his Lordship may kindly co-operate with the Parishioners in putting an end to that state of things, which unhappily has too long existed in this important Parish.

JAMES SPAIGHT,
ROBERT HUNT,
WILLIAM FRANKLIN,
HENRY MAUNSELL,
THOMAS C. MOORE,
JAMES MURPHY.

10th December, 1870.

BIRTHS.

Le Motteé—On the 8th of December, at Kilballyowen, the residence of O'Grady, her father, the wife of Captain Le Motteé, 56th Regt., of a daughter.
Wilson—This day, at Rose Villa, North Strand, the wife of Charles M. Wilson, of a son.
Kilkelly—At Springfort Castle, near Nenagh, the lady of James R. Kilkelly, Esq., of a son and heir.
Burstall—At Ballycasiane House, Carrick-on-Suir, the wife of Timothy Burstall, Esq., of a son.
Saunders—At Bray, county Wicklow, the wife of Lieut.-Colonel Saunders, R.A., of a son.
Moran—At Upper Mount-street, Dublin, the wife of Capt. C. M. Moran, King's Dragon Guards, of a son.
Caldbeck—At Harcourt-street, Dublin, the wife of William Francis Caldbeck, Esq., of a daughter.
Whitehead—At Haddington-road, Dublin, the wife of Thomas Adamson Whitehead, Esq., of a daughter.
Scott—At Belfast, the wife of R. R. Scott, Esq., Surgeon, 80th Regiment, of a daughter.
Long—At Hills Grove, the wife of Hill Gillman Long, Esq., of a daughter.
Essex—At Chesham-place, London, the Countess of Essex, of a daughter.
Langton—At Langton Hall, Lincolnshire, Mrs. Langton, of a son and heir.
Daniell—At Stoke, Devonport, the wife of Capt. F. Daniell, 75th Regt., of a son.
Bullock—At West-terrace, Colchester, the wife of the Rev. J. G. Bullock, rector of St. Runwald's, Colchester, of a son.
Higgins—At Wareside Vicarage, the wife of the Rev. R. Higgins, of a son.
Meade—At Wyllye, the wife of the Rev. the Hon. S. Meade, of a son.
Watson—At Trinity Vicarage, Tulse-hill, the wife of the Rev. T. H. Watson, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

Latham and Ormsby—At Bray, county Wicklow, the Rev. James K. Latham, A.B., T.C.D., curate of Killoran, co. Sligo, to Josephine Rainsford, daughter of Joseph Mason Ormsby, Esq., Roscommon.
Hayes and Kinahan—At Holywood Church, Henry Hayes, Esq., Stratford, Rathgar, county Dublin, to Kate Emily, sixth daughter of the late Rev. John Kinahan, rector of Knockbreda, county Down.
Farrington and Glendinning—At St. Paul's, Ruzhall, Tunbridge-Wells, William H., eldest surviving son of Sir Henry Anthony Farrington, Bart., of Gosford House, Ottery St. Mary, to Amy Florence, youngest daughter of the late Alexander Glendinning, Esq., of Redleaf, Peshurst.
Gordon and Wawn—At St. Saviour's Church, Brockley-hill, London, Theodore Gordon, Esq., late Capt. 92nd Gordon Highlanders, only son of Theodore Gordon, Esq., of Overhall, Aberdeenshire, to Margaret Akenhead, eldest daughter of Thomas William Wawn, Esq., of Forest-hill, formerly of South Shields.
Cameron and Powell—At the Parish Church, Sharow, Yorkshire, Orford Somerville Cameron, Commander R.N., son of the late Lieut.-Colonel William Gordon Cameron, K.H., Grenadier Guards, of Nea House, Christchurch, Hants, to Anna Catharine, daughter of the Rev. Samuel H. Powell, of Sharow Lodge.

John P. ...
Finch—On Dec. 6th, at Kilchohan, Nenagh, after a long illness, Katherine Doyle, wife of William Finch, Esq., and daughter of the late Rev. Freeman Wills Crofts, of Cloheen, county Cork.
Bulger—Yesterday, at the Franciscan Friary, in this city, of consumption, the Rev. Mr. Bulger, deeply regretted by his relatives and friends. His remains will be interred on Monday, in the above Friary, after High Mass.
Rind—At her residence, Lower Glout-terrace, Dublin, Frances, widow of the late Lieut. John Rind, 9th Lancers.
Whittle—At his residence, Clonfert, Killock, co. Kildare, Stephen Whittle, Esq., youngest son of John Whittle, Esq., Coonanstown, county Wicklow.
Phelan—At Castle-town, Queen's County, Elizabeth, relict of the late J. S. Phelan, solicitor.
Nicholson—At The Farm, Londonderry, Isabella Maria, relict of the late Harvey Nicholson, Esq., of Roe Park, Newtownhamvady.
Ballard—At his father's residence, York-terrace, Cork, the Rev. John Hamilton Ballard, A.M.
Hewson—At his lodgings, Great George-street, Cork, James Robert Hewson, Esq.
Lawler—At Killarney, Martin Shine Lawler, Esq., M.D., resident physician of the Kerry Lunatic Asylum.
Plunkett—At his residence, Harlickstown, Ashbourne, Laurence Plunkett, Esq.
Whelan—At Grosvenor-road, North, Rathmines, co. Dublin, Margaret Whelan, relict of the late Ploworth Whelan, Resident Magistrate for the Queen's County.
Seymour—At Belfast, Frances Maria, wife of Capt. Seymour, Royal Navy.
Browne—At Denton Vicarage, Nottingham, Elizabeth Anne, wife of the Rev. George Browne.
Quin—At Albion-road, Holloway, N., Admiral Michl. Quin, Andrews, late of H.M.'s Indian Army.
Dunsterville—On board the P. and O. s.s. Golconda, four days after leaving Bombay, on his way to England, Col James Barnes Dunsterville, C.S.I., Commissary-General of the Bombay Army.