

was conscious of the responsible duties he had to fulfil. On last New Year's Day he made one promise—viz., that he would discharge—

A Voice—"Castle" (a laugh).

Mr. Spillane continued to say that on that day he promised to discharge the duties of his office to the best of his humble judgment, without fear, favour, or affection—without distinction of party, creed or class; and they who had preceded him in that honourable office knew by their own experience that the strict fulfilment of that promise ever imposed a total annihilation of one's personal feeling or private interest; and that he who would fill that office properly must remember that he should discharge his functions with rigid impartiality, regardless and unmindful as to whether he received praise or censure (hear, hear). In the discharge of his onerous and responsible duties he was ever cheered by the recollection that he possessed as large a share of their confidence and the confidence of the public as most men who preceded him in that high office, and he now carried with him grateful recollections of the uniform kindness and courtesy of the members of the body to which he belonged, each of whom aided him materially by their advice and good counsel, and who could always pardon his failings and look over his shortcomings. If ever during his year of office he used an expression calculated to wound the feelings of any one he begged of them to pardon it, as it was never his intention, while discharging his public duties, willingly to offend any one (cheers). Of what he had done during his year of office he would say nothing, inasmuch as it would speak for itself, but he wished to notice what he had attempted and failed to accomplish. He assuredly did fail in getting the Wellesley-bridge free to the public, and in having erected a suitable memorial to Patrick Sarsfield. With regard to the former the grand jury had already given the matter their consideration; and the only party who had not concurred with them in carrying out the undertaking was the grand jury of the county Clare; but he hoped that in the course of time they would be induced to give the matter their support. With reference to the memorial of Sarsfield many circumstances had arisen to foil the undertaking. The hero had been so long gathered to his father's that he very much feared that sufficient funds could not be raised to erect a suitable equestrian statue. But before the year on which they had entered came to a close he hoped that an oil painting, the finest that could be procured by the hands of man, should be hung up upon those walls to commemorate that illustrious patriot, (hear, hear.) He could assure them that while he retired into the ranks he would ever cherish the grateful recollection of what the Council and citizens had done for him, and what they were about to do for him; and his present wish was that he might be never unmindful of their kindness towards him—and he trusted his gratitude would be as lasting as his life, (applause.)

THE FENIAN PRISONERS.

Mr. Hayes said a committee had been formed in Limerick for the purpose of aiding the families of the Fenian prisoners (cheers), and he requested that their new Mayor would kindly consent to preside at it (hear, hear).

The Mayor said he would have much pleasure in presiding over this committee formed for such a laudible purpose, for their relief was in behalf of the families of men who loved their country not wisely but too well (cheers outside the barricade).

BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENCE.

The following is a list of the members returned:—Alderman Carte, Alderman Quinlivan, Mr. Syman, Mr. Barry, Mr. Myles, Mr. Phayer, Alderman MacDonnell, Mr. MacMahon, Alderman Tinsley, Alderman O'Callaghan, Mr. Lenihan, and Mr. Cronin.

Mr. Barry proposed that the meeting be adjourned.

Some conversation followed.

Mr. Phayer enquired who proposed the adjournment of the meeting when they had other business to discharge.

Alderman Carte—Mr. Barry.

Mr. Phayer—I see; he's thinking long for a drop (laughter).

The meeting then adjourned.

The first of the daily prayer meetings, under the auspices of the Evangelical Alliance, took place today at the Freemason's Tavern.

The Berlin correspondent of the Times telegraphs that the troops in the South-Western provinces of Russia are being continually reinforced. Lord Frederick Paulett died at his chambers the Albany, London, yesterday, in his 61st year.

original shares. To pay the dividends these are the amounts that must be secured.

Upon those amounts I propose to give all the benefits that may arise from any improved position that we may derive from the connexion. If for the preference claims all the money can be obtained under an average of 5 per cent per annum it should be handed to guarantors as rebate. Upon the same principle after all the working expenses, maintenance of our line, including claims for accidents, are discharged any surplus to be also rebate to guarantors.

But if rates are to be reduced and traffic increased to the amount required any less sum than £35,000 for working expenses will be insufficient to secure the original shareholders their promised dividends.

When the traffic exceeds the £112,000 per annum, the net profit, I propose to set apart as a Rest Fund to make the line double rails, in which I think both parties will be interested.

Such an arrangement can be put in simple contract to secure interest and dividends to the bond and shareholders. That established, then let us think of the public and earn their good opinion and approval.

I propose that a schedule of traffic rates be formed as near possible to a uniform mileage system, the basis to be about 10s. per ton on heavy goods from Limerick to Waterford with a rebate of 10 per cent. to the carriers of cross-channel traffic. This will establish reduced rates with increased facilities ample to develop the trading and agricultural resource of the South of Ireland.

Our present traffic is about £93,000 per annum. I see no reason why we should be satisfied with the guarantee proposed in the 29th article in contract of £88,410. It wears the character of a vendor depressing his own property for sale, but I do see if a dividend is proposed to be secured to us by the Great Western of England, that we should see such terms adopted as will guarantee the proposed advantages for the influence we transfer.

If our connexion with the Great Western is not to increase our traffic *cui bono* to the Waterford and Limerick the copartnership.

As the contract is to be revised, I ask the promoters to compare this scheme with the one submitted to the meeting, and I am sure that figures will establish facts, and that any guarantee short of the figures now proposed of £107,486 for the first three years, and £112,201 for the eighteen years following, will prove only a snare and a delusion.

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS M. USBORNE.

Blackrock, Cork.

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE WATERFORD AND LIMERICK RAILWAY.

GENTLEMEN,—My attention having been attracted by a letter in the *Clonmel Chronicle* of the 24th inst., signed "Thomas M. Osborne," I think a few words in reply may not be amiss, the more particularly that his conclusion seems indisputable, if his premises be admitted. These are, that the interest on the preference debt will absorb £42,456 per annum, and the working expenses £55,000—together making £97,456. Now I venture to dispute both these propositions.

First, the debenture debt is £328,000—the interest on which averages something under 4½ per cent, not 5 per cent., as estimated by Mr. Osborne, and amounts to:—

Debenture debt, at 4.65 per cent	£15,282
£10,700 preference shares at 5 per cent	20,535
£91,250 do., do., at 4½ per cent	4,106

Total preference debt ... £39,923

Second—That the working expenses will amount to £55,000. On what Mr. Osborne has based his conclusions as to the future I cannot guess: I can only judge from the past. The total of the working expenses for the year ending December 31, 1869—the largest ever incurred—was £44,499, including £4,532 for compensation for injuries arising from the Clonmel collision, and £786 balance of an old account. Excluding these, the ordinary working expenses were £39,241—thus making as follows:—

Interest, as above stated	£39,923
Working expenses	39,211

Being less by	£79,134
Than Mr. Osborne's estimate of	£97,456

Working expenses, however, must be estimated

cruel, in not granting an amnesty. strong speech, contending that the Government deserved no thanks, as all credits and classes advocated an unconditional amnesty. Councilor Kennedy seconded the amendment. Alderman O'Sullivan denied that all parties advocated the amnesty, as Conservatives would not accept anything that was not crammed down their throats. On a poll, the amendment was carried by a large majority. The proceedings were very noisy.

BIRTHS.

- Taylor—At Villa Pomona, on the 21st ult., the wife of John G. Taylor, Esq., of a daughter.
- Brooke—At Ashbrooke, Brookboro', the wife of Major H. Brooke, of a son.
- Keene—At Tinahally, the wife of Alexander Keene, Esq., of a daughter.
- Tyrrill—At Woodbank, Gifford, the wife of George Gerald Tyrrill, Esq., of a daughter.
- Vaughan—At Herbert-road, Sandymount, county Dublin, the wife of Mr. W. J. Vaughan, of a daughter.
- Barrett—At Sandford-avenue, Sandford, Dublin, the wife of George G. Barrett, Esq., of a son.
- Norman—At Kenilworth-square, Rathgar, county Dublin, the wife of Mr. R. G. Norman, Grafton-street, Dublin, of a son.
- Lyons—At York-street, Dublin, the wife of Mr. Valentine Lyons, of a daughter.
- Armstrong—At Belfast, the wife of Mr. James Armstrong, of a son.
- March—At Lyall-street, Belgrave-square, London, the Countess of March, of a son and heir.
- Tate—At Plaxtol Rectory, Sevenoaks, the wife of the Rev. James Tate, of a daughter.
- Fanshawe—At The Castle, Cape Town, the wife of Colonel Fanshawe, Royal Engineers, of a son.
- Ardagh—At Raheen, the wife of Major-General R. D. Ardagh, Commissioner of Pegu, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

- Jamison and Humphress—At St. George's Chapel, Kingston, Jamaica, by the Rev. E. Nuttall, William Thos. Jamison, Esq.; Parochial Treasurer, St. Thomas, to Caroline Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late Wm. Humphress, Esq., Duckenfield, St. Thomas.
- Davidge and Daly—At St. Mary's, Newtownbarry, George A. Davidge, Esq., Staff Assistant-Surgeon, Bromley, son of George Moore Davidge, Esq., late of Chesterfield, King's County, to Catherine Anne, daughter of the late Edward Daly, Esq., of Normington, county Westmeath.
- Mahon and Joly—At St. Peter's Church, Dublin, Mahon, Esq., T.C.D., to Julia, widow of the Rev. Plunket Joly, rector of Clonsast, county Kildare.
- Cullen and O'Connell—At the Catholic Church, Bantry, Cork, Michael Keogh Cullen, solicitor, Hardwicke-place, Dublin, to Ellen, third daughter of Charles O'Connell, R.M., and granddaughter of the late Daniel O'Connell, M.P., of Derrynane Abbey.
- Duffy and Ward—At the Parochial Church, Castlebar, J. De Lacy Duffy, C.E., Settle, Yorkshire, to Ellen Ward, eldest daughter of Luke Ward, Esq., T.C.
- De Villeneuve and Allan—At All Saints' Church, Norfolk-square, London, Albert Rene, Comte d'Estaing de Villeneuve, son of René Louis Frederic, Comte d'Estaing de Villeneuve, Gaide Royale, to Rosa Ada, eldest daughter of Colonel Allan.
- Kernan and Walker—At the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, Liverpool, Richard F. Kernan, Esq., of Dublin, to Mary Anne, eldest daughter of John Walker, Esq., George-square, Liverpool.
- Estridge and Parry—At Holy Trinity, Tunbridge Wells, London, Edward Estridge, of Repton, Derbyshire, to Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late Rear-Admiral Sir W. Edward Parry.

DEATHS.

- Hill—At his residence, 11, Cecil-street, on yesterday morning, Mr. James Hill. The deceased having endeared himself to many friends by his amiability of character and gentleness of disposition, his death is much regretted. His remains will be interred in the Friends' Burying-ground to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.
- O'Brien—On Friday morning at two o'clock, at Westmoreland, West, Mrs. O'Brien, wife of Dr. O'Brien. The deceased lady was greatly respected by the community as a most exemplary mother and wife, and was beloved in her family circle. She bore her lengthened illness with pious and patient resignation, and departed this life consoled by the knowledge that, although all her friends were not around her, they occupied professional and social positions worthy of the qualities they inherited and the example and advice which they had been afforded.
- Nutkins—Dec. 30th, at Haverstock-hill, London, after a short illness of three days, Captain J. H. Nutkins (son-in-law of the late Captain Dan Gorman, of this city).
- Prendergast—At Banard, county Tipperary, John Charles Prendergast, Esq.
- White—At Graigue Mills, county Tipperary, Wm. White, Esq.
- Vincent—At Charlemont-terrace, Dublin, Frances, widow of the late Colonel William Vincent, of Cullinstown, near Dublin.
- Bourke—At his seat, Carrowhall, county Mayo, Walter Bourke, Esq., Q.C.
- Hendley—At Rathgar-road, Dublin, Alicia Maria, eldest surviving daughter of the late James Hendley, Esq., of Boyle.
- Liton—At Fitzwilliam-place, Dublin, Miriam, wife of Richard Weld Liton, Esq.
- Liton—At Lower Baggot-street, Dublin, Lizide, wife of E. F. Liton, Esq.
- Moody—At her residence, Mount-Joseph-square, Dublin, Mary Moody, relict of the late James Moody, Esq., Assistant Barrister.
- Hewitt—At the Watercourse, Cork, Mary, second daughter of the late Henry Hewitt, Esq., of Sidney-place, Cork.
- Lindsay—At his residence, Margate, county Cork, John Lindsay, Esq., barrister-at-law, H.M.S. & S., &c.
- O'Connell—At Mount Gray, Canterbury, New Zealand, Sarah, relict of the late Major O'Connell, 20th Regt., and daughter of the late Major Russell, 20th Regt., Beechmount, Mallow.
- Waddington—At Ferguay, the Hon. Hungerford Waddington, second son of the late Viscount Mountbatten and Ferguay.