

one of the heads of a public department, ...  
 progress than any other in this country, ...  
 members of a Board, some of whom, in ...  
 official records, visited the asylum three ...  
 there being an interval between the ...  
 third occasions of nearly six years. ...  
 I shan't be accused of favoritism ...  
 any section of the Limerick Asylum Board, ...  
 notwithstanding all the credit which ...  
 been taken by some gentlemen for an active ...  
 face, that, save the visitations by Grand ...  
 committees, which have been regular, and ...  
 reported, with observations, the establishment ...  
 was not examined a half dozen times ...  
 many years by the Governors, and, I ...  
 find, the female divisions not even twice in ...  
 period, consequently the suggestions made ...  
 colleagues and me have not been carried out ...

hope, however, for an improved future ...  
 considerate remarks at the asylum. ...  
 I am, Sir, your's truly,  
 J. NUGENT.

Mid-square, Dublin, Dec. 18, '72.

**THE LIMERICK GUARDIANS.**

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHRONICLE.

SIR—I have read with much pleasure your ...  
 pungent, and well-merited strictures on ...  
 the Board of Guardians respecting ...  
 contract for whiskey. Considering your state- ...  
 ment of the case to be accurate (and I have no ...  
 doubt), of course the Board will be obliged to ...  
 terminate their contract with Mr. Ryan. But if ...  
 you will allow me to make an humble suggestion, ...  
 in the honour of the Board and the pockets ...  
 of the ratepayers will be saved by the simple ex- ...  
 tinction of accepting the contract—but controlling, ...  
 what ought to do, the consumption of *stimulants* ...  
 an effectual way. Look at the case of the ...  
 Lunatic Asylum, as reported in the *Examiner* ...  
 14th inst. Comparing 1872 with 1869, ...  
 six times as much wine was consumed, ...  
 as much whiskey, and three times as ...  
 much porter, there having been only a slight ...  
 increase in the number of patients. In 1869, ...  
 the low consumption, 108 patients were ...  
 discharged and 15 returned as im- ...  
 proved; in 1872, 57 patients were cured and ...  
 15 returned as "improved." Was not the chairman right in ...  
 suggesting that the comparative inefficiency of the ...  
 stimulants in 1872, was the result of the increased ...  
 consumption, and are not the ratepayers of ...  
 Cork as well as Limerick, justified in demanding ...  
 that attention should be pointed to the ...  
 going on through this channel, and increas- ...  
 from year to year, but that the guardians ...  
 should be called on to exercise a wholesome control ...  
 in this most expensive department of their ...  
 management and responsible charge? ...  
 If this were done I have no doubt a great saving ...  
 would be effected in the finances of the union, ...  
 and we have not only stubborn facts but eminent ...  
 authorities to show that the health of the inmates ...  
 would be rather benefited than injured by the ...  
 use of a more moderate use of ...  
 stimulant. —Your's, very truly,  
 A RATEPAYER.

**CLARE INTELLIGENCE.**

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

**ENNIS BOARD OF GUARDIANS.**

Ennis, Wednesday Evening.  
 The ordinary weekly meeting of the Board ...  
 held—Mr. Thomas Greene, J.P., occupied the ...  
 chair. ...  
 were also present—F. N. Keane, J.P., ...  
 Richard Barry, J.P., John Leary, and William ...  
 ...  
 The Clerk read minutes of last day's proceedings, ...  
 and announced the state of the house to be—In ...  
 house on Saturday last, 406; infirmary, 68; ...  
 hospital, 10; average cost, 3s. 2½d.; infir- ...  
 mary, 3s. 4½d.; fever hospital, 3s. 4½d. ...  
 It was agreed, in consequence of the Board not ...  
 being a full one, to adjourn the question of the ...  
 average of the house until next day of meeting. ...  
 It was also agreed to appoint Col. McDonnell ...  
 and Mr. Greene as a deputation to wait on the ...  
 parish Secretary, in conjunction with the deputation ...  
 from the Limerick Guardians, for the purpose of ...  
 bringing on the Government the propriety of having ...  
 the clerks of unions salaries paid out of a ...  
 consolidated fund as in the case of medical ...

POTATOES.—41 loads in market, at 14s to 16s 6d per ton.

TURNIPS.—Two loads in market, at 14s to 16s 6d per ton.

CORK BUTTER MARKET.—(This Day).—Ordinary—First, 129s; seconds, 119s; thirds, 94s; fourths, 88s; fifths, 60s; sixths, 37s. Mild cured—First, 142s; seconds, 125s; thirds, 102s. In market, 1,350 firkins.

DUBLIN CATTLE MARKET.—(This Day).—Beasts, 2,825; sheep, 5,578; calves, 39. Beef, 65s to 77s 6d per cwt; mutton, 74d to 94d per lb. The Christmas market for Dublin was held to-day. Business commenced with a brisk enquiry in each department, which was sustained till the close. There was a marked improvement in the condition and quality of many animals on sale.

LONDON CATTLE MARKET.—(This Day).—Fair supply of beasts. Trade not active, but fine qualities firm in value. Best Scots, 6s. A moderate supply of sheep on offer; demand quiet; best Downs, 7s. Calves and pigs unaltered.

LONDON CORN MARKET.—Yesterday.—Market very quiet. English and foreign wheat dull, at late values. Flour unchanged. Barley rather cheaper. Oats, maize, beans, and peas dull.

**BIRTHS.**

Hamilton—Dec. 18, at S. John's Vicarage, the wife of Rev. F. C. Hamilton, of a daughter.

O'Regan—This morning, in Cecil-street, the wife of Mr. Michael O'Regan, of a daughter.

Black—At 46, Mountjoy-street, Dublin, the wife of the Rev. John Black, A.M., curate of St. Mary's, Dublin, of a son.

Meyrick—At Maryville, Southern-road, Cork, the wife of Dr. Meyrick, of a son.

Mansfield—At Mardyke, Cork, the wife of Albert Mansfield, of a son.

Sheridan—At Aylesbury-road, Merrion, county Dublin, the wife of John E. Sheridan, Esq., Macetown House, Tara, county Meath, of a daughter.

Gildea—At Naas, county Kildare, the wife of John Gildea, Esq., prematurely, of a son, which only survived its birth a few hours.

Bentley—At 32, Harcourt-street, Dublin, the wife of M. C. Bentley, Esq., of a son.

Rashleigh—At Farningham Hill, Kent, the wife of the Rev. John Kendall Rashleigh, of a son.

**MARRIAGES.**

D'Hautville and Scott—On the 12th Dec., at the Church of La Tour, near Vevey, Henry Eric Gonzalve Grand d'Hautville, of Villars, near Vevey, Canton de Vaud, Switzerland, and grandson of the late Lt.-Col. Charles de Cerjat, 1st Royal Dragoons, to Annie Scott, eldest daughter of John Scott, Esq., of No. 1, Pery-square, Limerick.

Stoney and Kemble—On the 12th Dec., at Bath Abbey, by the father of the bride, Walter Charles Butler Stoney, only son of Thomas Butler Stoney, Esq., Portland Park, county Tipperary, to Ellen Cattle, third daughter of the Rev. Charles Kemble, rector of Bath.

Lane and Waller—Dec. 17, at St. Stephen's Church, Dublin, by the Rev. T. Teignmouth Shore, M.A., incumbent of St. Mildred's, Lee, London, brother-in-law of the bride, assisted by the Rev. James H. Walsh, M.A., curate of St. Stephen's, James Clarke Lane, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, eldest son of Richard J. Lane, Esq., Q.C., of 19, Upper Fitzwilliam-street, Dublin, to Selina Isabel, fourth daughter of John Francis Waller, Esq., LL.D., Barrister-at-Law, of 4, Herbert-street, Dublin.

**DEATHS.**

Hartigan—On the 13th inst., at Fort House, Co. Limerick, David Hartigan, Esq.

Huggard—At his residence, Denny-street, Tralee, aged 75 years, Richard Huggard, Esq., solicitor.

Hardman—At St. Peter's, Drogheda, Eliza, widow of the late Rev. Geo. Hardman, Stackallen Glebe, and Lyddan, county Meath, aged 84 years.

Talbot—Suddenly, to the inexpressible grief of his wife and family, aged 54 years, John Talbot, Esq., Cloughaprior, Nenagh.

Gore—At No. 9, Belvidere-place, Dublin, Sophia Catherine Gore, daughter of the Hon. Richard Gore, deceased, and sister of the late Sir Ralph Gore, Bart., aged 86 years.

Goodisson—At Ennisceorthy, Margaret Eveleen, youngest daughter of Samuel Goodisson, Esq., M.D., in the 17th year of her age.

Porteus—At Torquay, Major John Porteus, Rosslyn Sale, near Manchester, and Carrowcullen, county Sligo.

Lyons—At his residence, Worthing, in his 86th year, Admiral John Lyons, brother to the late Admiral Lord Lyons.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.**

The Secretary Protestant Orphan Society thankfully acknowledges from the Bishop of Cashel, annual subscription, £2; Dr. and Mrs. Tuthill Massey, do., £2 2s; Mrs. Watson, do., £1; F. M. Eagar, Esq., do., £1; Rev. B. Jacob, do., £1; a Little Child, 2d; J. C. Delmege, Esq., annual subscription, £4.

The Rev. B. Jacob thankfully acknowledges for the relief of the poor at Christmas £1 from H. Maunsell, £1 from R. Hunt, 10s from Joseph Fogarty, and 10s from the Rev. W. E. Burroughs.

Miss Dartnell, 13, Lower Mallow-street, thankfully acknowledges £1 for the District Visiting Society from Mrs. Jonas Shuddert, Knocknareehy; also, a supply of blankets from the Rev. Benjamin Jacob for the Dorcas.

GENERAL FUEL FUND.—Captain Gavin, J.P., thankfully acknowledges the receipt of £1 from George A. Dartnell, Esq., J.P., on behalf of the above charity.

**HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.**

The County Limerick Hounds (Sir D. V. Roche's) will meet for December as follows:—Friday, 20th, Liskennett Cross; Tuesday, 24th, Inch St. Laurence Cross; Friday, 27th, Frankfort Gate. Hour—11 o'clock.

The Shannon Harriers will meet for December as follows:—25rd, Nantenan; 26th, Beigh Castle; 30th, Newtown. Hour—11 30.

**DUBLIN STOCK EXCHANGE—YESTERDAY.**

| GOVERNMENT FUNDS.  |      |
|--|------|
| New Three per Cent. Stock  | 90½  |
| Do. for account, 3rd Jan.  | 90½  |
| India Stock, 5 per cent., July, 1880 (transferable at the Bank of Ireland) | 109½ |
| FOREIGN AND COLONIAL FUNDS.  |      |
| Egyptian (Khedive Bonds) 7 per c. April and October,                       | 82½  |
| Erie Shares, 100 dols., all paid, acct.                                    | 42½  |
| Honduras, 1870, 10 per cent. acct.   | 41   |
| Russian (1870), 5 p. c., Feb. and Aug.                                     | 95   |
| Russian (1871), 5 p. c., Mar. and Sept.                                    | 92½  |
| Spanish 3 per cent., June and Dec.   | 28½  |
| United States Bonds, 5.20 years, 6 per cent.                               | 110  |

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