

December, and again on the 31st May last. have no means of ascertaining whether those were correct, and if they were actually in.

Mr. Fitzgerald has felt it his duty to send report explaining the causes that may have produced this state of things, but it is manifest sufficient attention has not been given to the maintaining of the balances in hands, a difference with a proper and regular posting of the books would have at once shown. If this board was induced as to the state of the books when the large expenses began to appear they could have taken the necessary steps to have this state of things remedied before they arrived to their present proportions. In giving every consideration to the subject, we are of opinion for the interest of the ratepayers that the offices of clerk and storekeeper should be separated, and would recommend the Board to take necessary steps, if they so approve of it, to advise for such an office. We acquit Mr. Fitzgerald of all blame, and accept his explanation on the state of things that were found to exist, and which apply to a period of seven years since—the closing of the institution."

THE LATE MR. MORGAN J. O'CONNELL.—At the last meeting the Guardians of the Killadysert Poor adopted an address of condolence to the widow of the late Morgan John O'Connell, Esq., D.L., who for several years filled the office of Chairman of the Board. It was introduced by Thomas Rice, Esq., Q.C., in most feeling and appropriate terms.

ENNIS BUTTER MARKET.—There were over 900 casks of butter at market on Saturday, the prices being from 64s. to 74s. per cask according to quality. Mr. John McInerney, merchant of the town, purchased over 300, and the rest went to Limerick and Tipperary buyers.

PROVISIONS.—Flour has advanced 4s. per sack during the last week, and all other stuffs in proportion, while potatoes of the best quality are abundant at 4d. per stone.

THE WEATHER.—There was no rain during the last week, and vast quantities of meadowing have been saved. On Saturday last, when the down-pour was so great in Limerick, not a drop fell anywhere in this county.

THE TRADE STRIKE IN LIMERICK.—The dead-locks of the town have been posted with placards issued by the builders of Limerick, offering permanent employment to masons, carpenters, plasterers, painters, &c., at 5s. per day. This is useful as every available tradesman in the building trade is fully employed, and ten men from Limerick engaged in the erection of a new house, near the new College, under Mr. Bryan Sexton.

MILD DESEDITION.—A female child, about four months old, was found outside the residence of the Acting Officer Considine, Ennis, on Sunday night, smothered purposely by its unnatural mother.

Tuesday morning.

THE O'CONNELL CENTENARY.

Last evening at eight o'clock, pursuant to notice given by the young men of the town of Ennis, a rather numerous meeting was held in the large room of the Townhall, to consider the advisability of calling upon the merchants, traders, and shopkeepers generally, to keep their business places closed on the 6th prox., so as to observe the celebration of the O'Connell Centenary as a general holiday, and make other arrangements in connexion with a public display in commemoration of the event. The Rev. Patrick White, C.C., occupied the chair, and the vicar and the vicar's wife were Mr. John Parsons, T.C., Mr.

McDermott v. Molony—This was for assault. The defendant was bound over to keep the peace, himself in £20, and two securities in £10 each. A lad named Walsh was prosecuted by Acting-constable Griffin for assaulting a street character known as "Bonive." Walsh was ordered to pay a fine of 1s. and costs. The other cases were for drunkenness, at the suit of police.

DEATH OF THE REV. P. S. WILKINSON.

In our obituary column this evening is announced the death of the Rev. P. S. Wilkinson, of Mount Oswald, near Durham, and father of Captain Wilkinson, of St. Oswald's, in the County Limerick. In referring to the sad event, the *Durham County Advertiser* of Friday says:—"We regret to have announced the death at Mount Oswald, near this city (Durham), on Tuesday morning last, of the Rev. Percival Spearman Wilkinson, at the advanced age of 83. During the last two years Mr. Wilkinson has been in a declining state of health, but about six weeks ago the ailment under which he was suffering exhibited alarming and painful symptoms, causing the greatest anxiety to his family. He was attended by Mr. E. C. Jepson, of this city, and Dr. Gibson, of Newcastle, and the nature of the illness was discovered, and found to be hopeless. Mr. Wilkinson lingered until Tuesday morning, when he died. The deceased gentleman was a member of one of the oldest and most influential families in this county, one of his ancestors a High Sheriff of Northumberland during the Protectorate of Cromwell. The subject of the present notice was the third son of the late Thomas Wilkinson, Esq., of Coxhoe Hall, by Hannah Elizabeth, the daughter and co-heir of Robert Spearman, Esq., of Old-acres, in this county. He was born in the year of 1792, and in 1817, married the daughter of Capt. Philip Anstruther, who at her death in 1842, left a large issue. Mr. Wilkinson was educated at Eton, and St. John's College, Cambridge. In 1815, he obtained the degree of B.A., and in 1817 entered into holy orders. In the following year he was made M.A. His first and only curacy was at Ainderby Steeple, near Northallerton, and on leaving this place, he never took further active duty. Mr. Wilkinson's wife had 12 children, of whom at present survives, five sons and four daughters. Of the male issue one is P. S. Wilkinson, Esq., a magistrate of the county, sitting at the Durham Petty Sessions; the second, formerly a captain in the 30th Regiment, settled in Ireland, and is a J.P. for Co. Limerick; a third, is the rector of Castlemartin, in Pembrokehire; a fourth, a barrister attached to the Northern Circuit, and practising in this city; and the fifth, the colonel of the 16th Lancers. Mr. Wilkinson, whose demise is much regretted in this city, where he was so well known and respected, was a Tory of the good old school; and although he took no active part in politics, yet he was thoroughly attached to Church and State. He was a quiet, unostentatious country gentleman, of a kind and generous disposition. Mr. Wilkinson became the possessor of Oswald House in 1829, by purchase from his relative, the late Thomas Wilkinson, Esq., of Old Elvet, pulled it down, with the exception of two rooms, and erected in its stead the present stately and magnificent mansion, which he called Mount Oswald. The funeral, which will be strictly private, takes place on Friday, at St. Margaret's. The undertakers are Messrs. Shields and Co."