

think it right to refer to two active members of the Association—viz., the Hon. Secretary (Mr. O'Connell), and the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. James O'Connell), upon whom chiefly devolves almost entire official working of this inestimable body.

Mr. F. J. McCarthy, B.M., presided at the City Court this morning, and disposed of one very case of drunkenness, imposing a fine of £5 and costs. His Worship stated that he had received complaints about begging in the street, particularly on Saturday. He frequently saw girls in George-street annoying ladies passing and would not stop following them, until they gave them money. The police were directed to look after the matter.

St. Mary's Cathedral.—2nd Sunday in Lent.—10 o'clock; Chant in A, Henthicote; Service in G, Sir F. Ousley, Bart., Mus. Doc.; Hymn No. 127; Communion Service in G, Rev. J. Preacher, the Archdeacon. Evensong, 6 o'clock; Chant in G, Turle; Service, utraque; Anthem, "Lord! how are they increased that trouble me," Ps. iii., Kent, Mus. Doc.; Prayer, the Treasurer; Hymn No. 150 (2nd ed.).

At an auction held at Parsonstown yesterday, which Captain Dugmore (late 64th Regt.) was sent, a singular act was, it seems, perpetrated by some policemen. Suspecting that the *ci-devant* officer was possessed of a copy of *United Ireland*, one of the constables went to his overcoat, which had been laid aside, and abstracted the newspaper, together with a copy of the *Irish World*, one of the pockets. Captain Dugmore instantly applied to the resident magistrate for summons against the constable for larceny from a person, but he refused on the ground of want of jurisdiction, and directed Captain Dugmore at his remedy was in an action for trover, which is to be commenced without delay.

We learn with considerable pleasure that the proprietors of the Theatre Royal (Messrs Fogerty) are endeavouring to secure the talents, for two nights, of the celebrated Amateur Theatrical Company from Dublin. The gentlemen who compose this now inimitable dramatic corps have been admitted to join it only on the ground of highest merit, and the result is, the nearest approach to perfection to which an Amateur company can attain. It is proposed to devote the proceeds of the two performances named to the funds of our chief charities Barringtons Hospital. In a few days we hope to be in a position to give full particulars on the subject of the intended visit of our metropolitan friends.

Mr. F. W. McCarthy, auctioneer, held his usual periodical sale at his Paddocks, Military Road, this day. The attendance of buyers was extremely large, and the sale was most successful. The programme consisted of about sixty head of cattle and sheep. A fine lot of in-calf heifers, the property of Mr. John O'Halloran, Ballycunnen, Rathoe, were first put up for sale, and the top price obtained was twenty-one and a half guineas, with a general average of £18 16s 9d. The next lot, that of Mr. Moloney, Kilpeagan, averaged £17 5s. The other prices obtained for lots were: Three-year-old store heifers, £16; yearlings, £7 10s; hoggets, £2 7s 6d and £2 6s. Every beast entered for sale was disposed of, and there was a great demand for good cattle.

The members of the newly-formed Elocution Class of the Protestant Young Men's Association gave, last evening, a most interesting series of readings and recitations in the large Lecture Hall, which was well filled for the occasion. The excellence to which they have attained in such a short time shows that the young members must have worked with diligence and zeal under the guidance and supervision of their able president, the Rev. F. Langbridge. "The Gambler's Wife," by Mr. Metcalfe; "Wedding Bills," by Mr. W. Nelson; and "Cure of a Cold," by Mr. J. Boyd were very ably rendered. Mr. Dugald Blue's reading of one of his own wirth provoking compositions, "Barney Maguire goes out to tea," in his inimitable style, brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

The Chief Secretary's flying visit to the west came to a termination this forenoon. Mr. Forster left Ennis by the half-past eight train this morning for this city, and singularly enough by the same train travelled ten prisoners with their constabulary escort, en route for Clonmel gaol. A considerable crowd had assembled upon the plat-

form and venerable Dean at once exclaimed "O! Murrough," and well might he exclaim "O! Murrough." Such is the explanation of

"THE TENANTLESS COFFIN."

CORONERS INQUESTS.

An inquest was held to-day at the City Court-house by Mr. Mathew J. DeCourcy, city coroner with a jury on the body of a man named John Ryan who was found drowned in the Canal by the Clare-street police yesterday. A man named Michael Ellard was examined and deposed that he lived in Jail-street in the Town of Tipperary; he knew the deceased; saw him alive on the 1st February; did not see him since alive.—Mrs. Alice Ryan, wife of the deceased, deposed that she lived at Coraclough, Co. Tipperary; saw him last alive on Thursday morning 2nd February; he was then in his usual good health; he was a herdsman to Mr. James Saddler; left home on that morning to go to Limerick with Mr. James Saddler; could not say if it was to give evidence in a case before the Land Commissioners; never saw him since; he was a man of temperate habits; he was married twelve months, and he never knew him to have a quarrel with anyone.—Mr. Saddler told witness that he gave him 2s 6d to get his dinner in Limerick, and told him to meet him in George-street or at the railway to be home with him, but he never came back.—Michael Began, who is employed at Messrs. Russell's Lock Mills, deposed that when examining the front racks of the mill yesterday evening he found the body in a depth of about four feet of water; he assisted in taking the body out of the water with the police.—Mr. John Toomey, publican, Nelson-street, deposed that the deceased was in his shop on the 2nd of February with a man named Butler; both were from Tipperary; they came in about eight o'clock in the evening; they had a bottle of porter each; remained in the shop for twenty minutes; Butler left first, and went to the railway station to see if they could go to Tipperary by the goods train and told Ryan to wait until he came back, but Ryan didn't remain, and he saw him going in the railway gate; both were sober.—Patrick Reardon deposed that he was a special guard on the Waterford and Limerick Railway; saw deceased on the platform about 10.30 on the night in question; he said he was going by the mail, but he had reason to believe that he did not go by the train; he saw Butler going by train; a ticket found in the deceased's pocket was produced, and the witness stated that it was a return ticket from Limerick to Tipperary.—Head-Constable Phelan deposed that he found in the pockets of the deceased a purse containing 5s 4d and a half return ticket (produced), and some other articles; immediately after he was missed on the 2nd February, the police made every effort to find out his whereabouts, but no trace of him could be found.—Dr. Holmes was examined and stated that he considered death was caused by suffocation and drowning.—The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

Mr. Coroner DeCourcy held another inquest to-day at three o'clock in the Board-room Barrington's Hospital on the body of a man named Laurence Moloney, aged about 63 who died at the hospital this morning from the effects of injuries he received at the railway station yesterday evening. It appeared that he was a carpenter employed by the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company, and on yesterday evening he was repairing a wagon near the railway terminus when the wagons above him were shunted by some porters, not knowing that Moloney was there, crushing the unfortunate man between two buffers. He was taken up almost insensible, and brought to his house and afterwards taken to Barrington's Hospital where he was promptly attended to by Dr. Holmes, Resident Surgeon. Some hours afterwards he succumbed to the injuries. A jury was sworn and having viewed the body, the wife of the deceased was examined and proved that deceased was in his usual good health yesterday, after the accident he was brought to his house, and stated that he was caught between the buffers, and that he was a done man. At this stage an application was made to have the inquest adjourned as Mr. Dundon sol. who was engaged for the railway Company could not attend. Mr. Connolly who appeared for the wife of the deceased made no objection, and the inquest was adjourned until twelve o'clock on Tuesday.

yesterday afternoon in the Mayor's Court, the Mayor (Mr. J. Connihan, J.P.) occupied the chair. Also present—Mr. James Nash, Mr. William Hosford, T.C.; Mr. J. P. M'Namara, T.C.; Mr. James Quinn, Mr. M. Bourke, Alderman John F. Walker, Dr. J. O'Shaughnessy, J.P.; Mr. Blake, and Mr. Boyle.

Dr. O'Shaughnessy said the committee did not expend a very large sum during the year, compared with the amount expended in years past, but they spent as much as the committee and the clergymen required. During this season they had to pay a high price for coals, but they got a very great bargain of wood and coal from Mr. M'Mahon, to whom they paid the sum of £100 5s 4d; Messrs M'Phail, 298 St. St., and the Clyde Shipping Company, £25. The Mayor handed in £30 from the Garrison Dramatic Club, also £3 from Mr. S. F. Dickson. The only donation not publicly acknowledged was 10 tons of coal from the Clyde Shipping Company.

Alderman Cleary said he should say that the money was very judiciously managed this year. The St. Vincent De Paul Society distributed the tickets with great care.

On the suggestion of the Mayor, Alderman Cleary agreed to audit the accounts.

Dr. O'Shaughnessy said there was no doubt that the citizens contributed liberally every year. Their benevolence had never failed.

The Mayor said he did not approve of the system of putting their money in the bank at the end of the year instead of having it laid out in purchasing coals in the summer when they were cheap, for the coming winter, and he would suggest that before they separated they would appoint a small committee, who would, when the proper time came on, issue advertisements calling for tenders for coals, and get as much as the balance would buy. The Water Company and every other company get in coal during the summer, and why do not they do the same thing? He was told by a gentleman that if they got coals it would be delivered to them in whatever quantities they required, so that they would require no place to store it.

Dr. O'Shaughnessy said there were some difficulties in the way when this matter was first suggested, and none of the committees appointed could come to any conclusion on the subject. In the first place they thought that if the public found out that they had money on hands to buy this coal they might not be willing to contribute on the following years. In the second place the storage would be expensive, and the decay of coal is something wonderful when it is stored. These were their reasons for taking no action in the matter, and also they had no money; and they should buy it on the benevolence of the people.

Mr. Bourke presumed that another delivery of coal would be made to the poor this season.

The Mayor—As far as I am concerned, I will object to it.

Mr. Bourke remarked that this was very severe weather, and that there were a great number of people out of employment, so that he thought it would be very advisable to have another distribution this year.

The Mayor said he was very sorry to differ with Mr. Bourke. He believed that work is increasing on the quays and every other part of the city, and they were now on the brink of summer. The change of the weather was only temporary, and he held if the committee commenced distributing coals now they cannot stop it until the balance is spent.

Mr. Bourke said the excuses of the committee some time ago were that the weather was fine, now when it got bad he thought the poor people should be supplied with coal.

Dr. O'Shaughnessy said there was a great want of employment at present in the city. He had been through different parishes and saw a number of people idle.

The Mayor—You never go round the streets without seeing the same state of things.

Mr. Blake—You never saw shipping so dull as it is at present.

Mr. Hosford said they were the trustees between the donors and these poor people, and therefore they should act fairly, and be agreed with other speakers that it would be very unfair to keep this money over until next summer. The weather was rather severe before Christmas, but we, thinking we had a long severe winter before us, husbanded our resources, and did not give out coals as freely as we might or would have