he births registered ited to 29,705—15,324 ing equal to an annual r 24.3 per 1,000 of the The average number ng the corresponding 1881—85, was 31,291, d rate of 24.9 per in population of those te was 0.6 under the egistered in Ireland d 31st March last, 161 males and 13,755 rual ratio of 1 in every the estimated populaaverage rate for the of the five years e in Leinster was 24:3 ion according to the r 19[.]0, in Ulster 21[.]4, As already mentioned, st three months was the average for the se occurred in deaths e, and the numerous in the Registrars' s occasioned by the hich caused a general e respiratory system, ed and infirm. Reof the District Realmost unprecedented been seriously felt, stricts. The general however, been fairly rar at Shanagolden everity of the weather ination. My district ee for the last six diseases; two cases e appeared." From 'a slight outbreak of character, mild type, different parts of the has not appeared in gastric derangement ." At Ardagh, the 'A great many child of the last quarter.

Friday.

We understand that the Prison Authorities have decided on amalgamating the Limerick and Clonmel female prisons, from the 1st July next. This arrangement will of course obviate a great deal of the present expense by doing away with the greater portion of one of the prison staffs, and will add on an average some forty prisoners to the number usually incarcerated in the local gaol. Mr Kelly, the Governor of the Limerick Prison, who has filled that position for sixteen years to the entire satisfaction of the Government and the public generally, retires on on pension on 1st July, and will be succeeded by a female superintendent, as in the case of Gormanstown Prison, County Dublin.

We desire to direct attention to the correspondence which we publish this evening in reference to the running of a train between this city and the Limerick Junction on Sundays. On the application of the Limerick Pig Buyers' Society, Mr John Roberts, the efficient manager of the company, has decided to run a train between the points in question on every Sunday from the 1st of June, leaving the local termini at 12 noon and the Limerick Junction at 2.15 to meet both up and down trains on the Great Southern and Western line. The new train is certain to prove a great boon to the travelling public, and the reasonable conditions under which it is granted will doubtless commend themselves to the Pig Buyers Association and all others concerned.

The remains of the late Mrs. Barry, wife of our distinguished fellow-citizen, Lord Justice Barry, were interred yesterday in the family vault, at Mount St. Laurance Cemetery. The coffin, of polished oak, with brass furnishings, and covered with beautiful wreaths, arrived from Dublin at 1.15 p.m., and was met by a large number of friends and citizens. The chief mourners were Lord Justice Barry, his two sons, and nephew, Mr Brearton Barry, B.L. Although the funeral was a private one, a considerable number of carriages were present, among them being those of Mr T. E. O'Brien, D.L., Mr Jonas Blackall, sol; Mr James Quin, J.P.; Mr W Spillane, J.P.; Mr J. Greene Barry, JP; Mr James Spaight, JP; Mr Robert Hunt, JP; Ald Walker, Mr H. Sterling, Mrs Eugene O'Callaghan, Dr Kane, JP; Dr O'Shaughnessy. The fellowing clergymen were in attendance—Rev D. Fitzgerald, P'P.; Rev Mr Conway, Adm.; Rev Mr Shanahan, C.C; Rev Mr O'Shaughnessy, C.C.

From the Ashford district comes the report of another raid by moonlighters, from which it appears that a considerable body of men visited the houses of several respectable farmers in that district, demanding arms, which the farmers quietly gave up. It is believed that several raids which have occurred during the past week in the same locality have been made by the same party, and the police have been on the look out, but as yet without success. An opinion prevails that these moonlighters hail from Kerry, and are in fact on tour from one district to another. It is expected that the police. will very soon effect a capture. About midnight. on

put forward the names of the M being, Messrs S. Dowling, J.F. Shaw, J.P.; Joseph Matters Moran, of Messrs Cannock at duly elected as arbitrators, it that the arbitrators should no or in any way connected v Previous to the ballot Dr Munr tory lecture on the working of Building Society system and th ing the drawing, which is an i and is most simple. The lect was a mistaken idea held by different Starr Bowkett Socie societies of a parent one. that from the first appropriation was solely a Limer be managed by Limeri that he nor Mr Starr further to do with it more than would be only too glad to ad quired. Many questions we several members, and by Mr and most satisfactorily answere A little boy was brought up f draw the balls, and two sci Caffrey and Boland, were select bers from amongst themselves see that all was managed corre sets of balls were placed in coloured bags, and drawn first f next from the tens, and then fo numbers drawn being 098, as owner of the register number Copland, of Charlotte's Quay, h four shares, which entitled hi £400 for 12½ years, free of inte thanks was passed to the lect replied, saying that he had a more attentive meeting, nor l asked more questions, and th society was bound to go ahead drawing they had 103 member 240 shares, which was far be others he had presided over. to Cork to organize a society hope will be successful.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE A

A very able and instructive I perance" was delivered by Rev W Rector, Ballingarry, in the I room, Rathkeale, on Thursday e pretty large audience. The chathe Rev Canon Wills, who ope by introducing the rev. lecturer

In the the course of his le said—The temperance cause wide one; but, being confiture, he would only treat on a cipal points in connection with He intended to divide his led heads—viz., the scientific, the the religious. He then prolearned and able manner to tree in detail. What did the doctor ject of temperance. Every per a doctor's opinion. Well, they of some of the most eminent respectively.