

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.
Drapers' Club, 124, George street,
Dec 20th, 1887.

DEAR SIR.—Allow me to thank (through the medium of your influential journal) the managers of the very extensive drapery establishments of Messrs Todd & Co, Cannock & Co, and the Limerick Warehouse Co, for their kindness in closing their firms on Tuesday, 27th inst, at the request of the members of the Drapers' Club.

This is only one of the many favours conceded to the assistants of these firms by their employers.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,
THOS FOX, Hon Sec.

WORKINGMEN'S REST ON ST STEPHEN'S DAY.

We have received the following letter from a Working Man, which we gladly insert as it stands. We hope the request will be responded to, and we are sure working men and many others will fully appreciate the favour, and return to their work on Tuesday all the better for the rest of Monday:—

“TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

“DR SIR—Would you so Kind trugh your vawble paper as Cristmas day falls on Sunday to ax our Large merchants to grant to us hard Working Men the following monday and god knows its the only day We get the Whole year around i am sure Dr Sir by your help in axing this Little Boon We Will Succeed.

“Yours a
“WORKING MAN.”

FUNERAL OF MASTER PHELPS AT CLONLARA.

Yesterday the remains of the youngest son of Mrs Phelps, of Waterpark, were interred at Clonlara churchyard. The Very Rev the Dean of Limerick and the Rev E M O'Mally, Rector of Clonlara, were the officiating clergymen. The funeral embraced every class of the community, and the utmost sympathy was everywhere expressed with the popular owners of Waterpark in their sad bereavement. The remains were enclosed in a suite of coffins, the outer one being of polished oak, beautifully mounted, and bearing the inscription: “Maunsell Robert Lecky Phelps, born April 19th, 1878, died December 15th, 1887, aged 9 years.” The labourers on the estate bore the little coffin from Waterpark to its final resting place; and amongst the general public present were—Lord Massy, Colonel Vincent, Mr James O'Grady Delmege, Dr Gelston, Dr Ryan, Mr R W C Reeves, D L; Mr Norris Russell, J P; Mr Croker, Sub-Sheriff (Clare), Mr F St C Hobson, Sup-Sheriff (Limerick), Mr Vanderkiste, Colonel Vanderkiste, Colonel McAdam, Mr Wallace, junr; the Very Rev Dean Bunbury, Colonel Maunsell, Mr O'Grady Doonass; Mr Armstrong and his two sons.

Charles O'Connor, Gov. J Tilden, Gov. Hon Seymour, and many others. In the Fall of he was tendered the nomination of the A Hall Democracy for Judge of the Marine C of New York, but declined preferring to rei in private practice at the bar rather than ac a seat on the bench for a short judicial term. As a conversationalist and story teller he was twice afterward nominated for the Se and the Assembly of the State of New York, each time declined to accept public office. the impeachment trial of Judge M'C of the Superior Court of New York, was sought to be removed from his o Mr Lyddy was one of his leading counsel, was associated in the Judge's defence with J E Devlin, ex-Judge Seldon, Hon Natha C Moak and General A C Davis. Mr Ly made his mark in this case by his learning; lawyer and his great eloquence as an advoc As a conversationalist and story teller he few superiors, because he had read everytl in English literature, and in a social sense highly and intellectually gifted. As a hos was most kind and hospitable, and no friend guest ever left his board without feeling strength of his hospitality and his kindly nat During late years he embarked very largel real estate speculations, in which he was i successful and realized a large fortune. country seat and his many other beautiful costly cottages at Elberton, Long Branch, posite the properties of the late President G and Mr W Childs, of Philadelphia, are the fi on the Atlantic coast and the admiratio everybody. The deceased was forty-five y of age, and leaves a widow, but no child three brothers also survive him, two of w are prominent members of the New York and the other a New York merch The funeral on Wednesday morning at the St Patrick's Cathedral, on Fifth Avenue, wa deserving tribute to the memory of the decea and showed the great esteem in which he held. The church was crowded, and Solemn H Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev Tho P Hodnett, of Chicago, assisted by the Rev Fat McClosky and the Rev Father Lavelle, the Re of the Cathedral. The Rev M C Farrell, Rev John Crimmins, the Rev Father Dealey, S the Most Rev Bishop O'Farrell, of Trenton, presided at the throne, and the Rev Father Pov also assisted in the ceremonies. The rema were subsequently interred in the Lyddy fan burial plot at Calvary Cemetery. *Requiesca pace.*

The Marquis of Salisbury has written to Ba De Worms, congratulating the Sugar Bount Conference on the success which has atten their labours so far, and expressing his hope have the honour of welcoming them on th re-assembling in March, when he trusts they v return armed with the powers necessary give practical effect to their valuable delibe tions.