

that same portion of the between three organs of claiming to be the real political article, all others is. The third Richmond terary field, yesterday, and with the *Freeman* and the *Irish Daily Independent* (ing title) Vol. 1, No. 1, day, Dec., 18, 1891. The arrival is largely recruited *Freeman* before its recent and it must be admitted a t of writers and business- e found in Ireland. Mr cupies the editorial chair, Mr J. Wyse Power. Mr he *Irish Times*, is the chief ongst his qualifications for post it is mentioned with l bad English that he was xecution of his duty by the s." The proprietors of the t have been spoiling the same article announces that have been received several ted with various important ading one of its sub-editors, orge Murphy, who for over head of the department in eeman agents throughout the nly are the promoters of the d with their officials but they rivals in the matter of site ertisement offices are where of the Metropolis throbs t powerfully," and "when an t sits in College Green we est newspaper neighbours." chine is the largest one in Ire- its disgraceful behaviour last iant cannot be called the best erhaps it will mend its ways nable to authority. It had the Messrs Hoe & Co., Lon- t used to the odours of the print the eight pages daily at m 22,000 to 24,000 copies an pany also turn out an evening *Evening Herald*, which can be rate of 45,000 an hour. The naturally congratulate them- success in starting their paper, s. They declare that the "*Irish* ompany (Limited) has done an work in equipping two first- s for simultaneous publication." t that "individuals possessing ave started and developed news- nies have started them in which

private to the which we have now all but entered, are to be held in the pretty Church of St John on Tuesday next, at 3 p.m., and on Sunday, the 27th December, at 7 p.m. It will be seen from the details which we publish in our advertising columns that several beautiful carols and hymns, by such composers as Sir George Elvey, Rev J. B. Dykes, Sir Arthur Sullivan, Gounod, and Mendelssohn have been selected, and we might in particular allude to the special carol, "Led by a Star," written by the Rev F. Langbridge, Rector, and composed by Mr F. Muspratt, who will be organist on this occasion. We feel certain that as is usual at such special services in this Church the congregations will be large and representative.

DEATH OF M. E. MURPHY, ESQ.

We sincerely regret to announce the death of an old and highly esteemed citizen, Mr M. E. Murphy, which took place at the Bank of Ireland house yesterday morning, at the ripe age of 77 years. Mr Murphy, although able to walk about daily until a few weeks ago, had not for some time past been in very robust health, and lately he suffered from a paralytic stroke which has thus ended fatally. The deceased gentleman was appointed manager of the local branch of the Bank of Ireland in 1870, and held that important position till 1884, when he retired after having been in the service of the bank for half a century. He was succeeded in the managementship by his son, Mr J. E. Murphy, with whom he has since resided. The deceased gentleman possessed excellent qualities of head and heart, which endeared him to a wide circle of friends, and while he superintended the business of the Bank of Ireland in Limerick, his never-failing courtesy to rich and poor, and his gentleness and suavity of manner made him one of the most popular of public officials. Mr Murphy was for a long time a Provincial Grand Officer of North Munster, and a familiar figure at our Masonic gatherings. Very many residents in the city and surrounding districts will hear of Mr Murphy's demise with unfeigned sorrow, and for our part, we offer our sympathy with his respected family in their bereavement.

The funeral will leave the Bank house at a quarter to nine o'clock on Monday morning for the railway station, the interment taking place at Mount Jerome, Dublin.

LISMORE COLLEGE, LISMORE.

DISTRIBUTION OF MEDALS AND PRIZES.

The annual distribution of medals and prizes took place at the above College on Wednesday, December 16th. Owing to the much-regretted serious illness of the Duke of Devonshire, patron of the school, the annual literary and musical entertainment, which has hitherto been so popular and successful, was omitted from the programme of the proceedings. The prizes were consequently given away by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lismore, only a few friends being invited to witness the distribution. The Dean having alluded in suitable and feeling terms to the illness of his Grace, briefly recounted the successes which the pupils of the College had achieved during the past year, which included six successful examinations in Trinity College, Dublin, two high places at entrance; first of first honours in classics, a notable feature of these examinations being that many of the pupils scored some of the highest possible percentages, namely—full marks in several subjects. Also at the conjoint examinations of the Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians, Ireland, a pupil obtained full marks in four subjects. At the intermediate examinations the pupils were also successful, winning honours and prizes. The fact that no resident pupil has been unsuccessful at any public examination during the past five years—since appointment of present Head-Master—speaks for itself, and re-

be had in abundance, and we may here direct attention to the handsome prizes he offers in connection with the Grand Drawing which takes on the 23rd instant.

OILS & COLORS, LAMPS, ETC.,

will be obtainable at the fine establishments of Messrs. J. P. Evans & Co., J. & G. Boyd, Limited, and Smith, Parker & Fitt. The latter firm are offering splendid teas at very moderate figures. Parties interested in the furnishing line should visit the extensive warehouse of

P. M'CARTHY & SONS,

George-street, who hold a splendid stock of furniture, and many pretty and useful articles suitable for Christmas presents.

MESSRS. HOGG & SON,

George-street, show a most extensive stock of ironmongery, cutlery, kitchen utensils, and such like, which deserves the attention of house-keepers.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

The various stationers' establishments in the city have excellent stocks of Christmas cards of a most varied description and at prices that, considering their superior quality and excellence of design, are exceedingly low.

MESSRS. GUY & COMPANY.

Crowds of people gaze at the beautifully-dressed windows of Messrs. Guy and Co.—one being devoted to cards and the other to fancy goods. The assistants are kept as busy as possible in serving the unceasing throng of inquirers after Christmas cards, of which there is a really capital selection. The prices come within range of every pocket, and the designs, subjects, and classes of cards are so numerous that no one can leave the establishment without being satisfied. The cards in packets deserve special mention. In fancy goods there is a really fine show of photographic albums, and screens of new shapes, all being beautifully bound. There are the latest novelties in ladies' and gents' dressing cases, amongst which is included the "Standard" dressing bag, a compact, useful, and always handy companion. There are tourist cases in the new olive green leather, photo frames in all size and several beautiful cigar and cigarette cases and date cases. Guy's Diaries for 1892, are published at various prices, and their pocket diaries will be found most useful to business men.

MESSRS. LEDGER AND SONS.

This important establishment has as usual very choice and extensive stock of Christmas cards. We were much struck with the pretty gelatine and ivory cards, on which violets, and other flowers are beautifully traced while other cards are in the form of a fan, a leaf and such like. These particular cards are the work of Irish ladies. The illuminated booklet are very artistically turned out, and would be a ornament on any table. We noticed one containing words from the "Messiah," and the title of another is the "Star of the East." These booklets were by Messrs. Marcus Ward and Company, Belfast, and are highly creditable to an Irish firm. It may be remarked that handsomely bound and illuminated books are now much sought after at Christmas time, and Mr Ledger has a very choice and most attractive stock from which to make selection. "The Story of Columbus" is the title of a book in monochrome with colour illustrations which are real triumphs of the painter's art. Another is an edition of "Romeo and Juliet" beautifully illustrated. Raphael Tuck's art g panels, on plaques, are worthy of mention, and juveniles will take a deep interest in the "Boys' Annual," "The Girls' Own," and various other publications specially suited to their taste. We noticed several beautiful poetic and prose works, any of which would make a valuable present. In albums, port folios, and writing cards there are many novelties.

MRS O'NEILL'S

is a most tasteful man