

importance of this Habitation of the Primrose League, are of opinion that the name by which this Habitation shall be known in future shall be the Limerick Habitation, and not the Garryowen." A vote of thanks was passed to Miss Rowan for her interesting address, and the proceedings terminated at six o'clock, when the special train on the Lartigue line left for Listowel, whence the company proceeded to Limerick. They arrived here about half-past nine, highly pleased with the day's outing. Mr Cyril Watson, the hon. secretary, admirably discharged his duties in connection with the fete.

**CITY POLICE COURT.**—Mr J. G. Kelly presided at the Police Court this morning. Mary Driscoll, an old offender, was charged by Sergeant Lloyd with drunkenness and disorderly conduct on the streets the previous night. She was sentenced to a month's imprisonment. Sergeant Kerris charged a man named Wm. Randon with a similar offence, and he was fined 10s or seven days' imprisonment.

**ENNIS UNION, YESTERDAY.**—It was 3 o'clock before three guardians were obtained to form a quorum—viz., Messrs James Cahill (in the chair), Henry de L. Willis, J.P., and Michael Glynn. Routine business of the ordinary character was alone transacted. The bank account showed a balance against the guardians on Saturday last of £800, but there was lodged on-day by collectors £500. No. in the workhouse, 76; average weekly cost, 2s 7d per head.—Cor.

**THE COUNTY SURVEYORSHIP OF KERRY.**—The secretary to the Kerry Grand Jury has just received communications from the Lord Lieutenant stating that in response to the resolution of the Grand Jury at last Summer Assizes the Government have appointed Mr Henry Webster, Surveyor for South Kerry, to fill the vacancy in the County Surveyorship for Wexford, and had elected Mr Singleton-Goodwin, Surveyor for North Kerry to be County Surveyor for the whole of that county.

**THE NATIONAL TEACHERS.**—At a recent meeting of the Rathkeale National School Teachers' Association, Mr T. Sheehan (Kilcornan National School) and Mr J. Danaher were unanimously re-elected chairman and secretary respectively. Resolutions were adopted urging that assistant teachers be entitled to their fair share in the allocation of the surplus now in the hands of the Government intended for primary education in Ireland, and thanking the late deputation to London for the zeal and ability with which they had performed their duties.

**THE LETTERKELLY OUTRAGE.**—Thomas Hickey, and Thomas Nealon, of Tullasee, County Clare, were arrested on Tuesday by District Inspector Otter, of Ennistymon, on suspicion of being concerned in the moonlight outrage which took place at Letterkelly, on the 1st June, when the house of Patrick Frawley was fired into, and he received wounds from which he died a few days after in the County Infirmary at Ennis. On being brought before Mr Harper, R.M., a witness named Kelly, who, it was supposed would be able to identify them, failed to do so, and they were discharged.—Cor.

**MALICIOUS BURNING OF HAY AT BOHER.**—A rick of newly-saved hay, the property of Mr John O'Connor, was maliciously set on fire and completely destroyed on his farm at Sandylane, near Boher, at about 9 o'clock this morning. It will be remembered that a large rick of hay, this gentleman's property, was maliciously burned in March last for which he received compensation at last assizes. The police at Cahircionish and Newpallas are investigating the matter. No reason can be assigned for this wanton act, as Mr O'Connor is deservedly popular with his neighbours. His movements were evidently carefully watched, for he was at the Lunster Fair when the burning was discovered.

**MODEL LODGING-HOUSES IN LIMERICK.**

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.  
Ardara, Foynes, July 26th.  
DEAR SIR,—My attention has been drawn to a letter of Miss Gould's, advocating model lodging-houses in Limerick. At the time I was in Queenstown, and myself a "common lodging-house keeper," my thoughts were a good deal on his subject. In Liverpool, Derry, Queenstown, and New York, the evils connected with the lodging-houses were brought very forcibly before me; also the system of "saloon" lodging-houses in America. At that time I felt that if much of the money and care spent in reformatory work

**DEATH AT THE POST OF DUTY.**

**HEROIC CONDUCT OF A YOUNG LIMERICKMAN IN SYDNEY.**

The following taken from *Truth*, a paper published in Sydney, Australia, will be of some interest, the person referred to having been a native of Limerick:—

"The death of the manly young police officer, Michael De Courcy O'Brien, whose portrait *Truth* publishes this week, removes from the lower ranks of the New South Wales police one whose brief span gave evidence of a future that was destined to bring honor on himself and add dignity to the force. The action, which cost O'Brien his life, if not one that rivals certain deeds of heroism over which the world is wont to "enthuse," is certainly one that required courage and daring outside the question of duty at all. It may be briefly referred to here. On Saturday, May 30, a runaway horse, with cart attached, is seen careering along George-street, at an hour when that thoroughfare is crowded with vehicular and pedestrian traffic. O'Brien, who is doing duty in the locality, lays aside the danger of the situation, and bravely attempts to stop the terrified animal. He fails; he is thrown to the ground, and his poor young head is smashed out of all shape. He lingers in the Sydney Hospital until the following day, when death comes as a relief.

"The Inspector-General of Police (Mr E. Fosbery) issued the following order on Monday, June 1:—The Inspector-General has received with extreme concern the report of the death of Constable De Courcy O'Brien, which adds another name to the honourable list of the police who have sacrificed their lives in the execution of their duty, the force and the public having in this instance lost the service of a promising and efficient officer. The Inspector-General desires that every respect may be shown at the deceased's funeral by the attendance of as many of his officers and comrades as can be safely spared from duty. It is his intention to be present himself. —(Signed) EDMOND FOSBERY, To Superintendent of Police, Metropolitan District."

"The deceased was buried on Wednesday, June 3, when amongst those present were the Inspector-General of Police, the Superintendent, the Inspector of Detectives, (Mr. Camphin), Inspectors Mackay, Lenthall, Larkins, Atwell, Bremner, Sub-Inspectors Hyam, Potter and Scott. Within the coffin a beautiful cross of white flowers rested, and attached to it was the inscription, "Norwood, S. Australia. As a token of love from E. S. W. O'Brien," a brother who came from South Australia to attend the funeral. On the lid of the coffin was inscribed, "Michael Thomas De Courcy O'Brien, died May 31, 1891, aged 26 years. *Requiescat in pace.*"

"Young O'Brien was in his 26th year. He had been two years in the London, and two years in the Birmingham police forces, and his references were of the highest order. He had just recently joined the New South Wales police force, and had gained the respect of his superiors. He was a son of Head Constable O'Brien, of Limerick, Ireland, and in that town the young fellow was born."

**THE ROYAL UNIVERSITY.**

**MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.**

The successful candidates include the following:—  
Carberry, James J, Mungret College, Limerick.  
Connolly, Patrick J, Mungret College, Limerick.  
Cosker, Michael F, Mungret College, Limerick.  
Coughlan, Bartholomew, Mungret College, Limerick.  
Dennehy, Jeremiah, Mungret College, Limerick.

interest on overdrafts, but he believed that accordance with the General Regulations Local Government Board did not permit interest to be paid on overdrafts. They would then have to see how they were best able to ren the matter—the way to do so was to set a striking a proper rate for the coming year. I did so this day week, when, he was glad to they adopted the estimate put forward by Clerk, which was a little in excess, and, thought, wisely, of that of the previous year, cause they had got help in the previous which they need not expect this year. Best they had a large amount of outstanding arre amounting at present to £1,900. Some hundred belonged to the city, but of this it right to say that £300 might be struck off irrecoverable. He regretted that £1,300 s against the rural districts, but he underd that something like £600 of that was owing the defalcations of their former collector, late Mr Hartigan. He pointed out the need of a speedy and early collection of the rates. F time to time there had always been the cry a the difficulty in getting in the rates, and amount of rates outstanding. He proposed the period allowed for the collection of the r be eight months from the date on which warrants were signed, and that the poundag the country districts be sevenpence in the po for the first four months, and fivepence of sums collected and lodged in the latter four. normal rate in the city was fourpence in pound, and he proposed that for the first months in the city districts the poundage should be 4d in the pound, and threepence third of a penny for the subsequent four mon. He proposed that there should be no pound allowed for arrears. He considered that t terms would be a premium on an early collect and, on the other hand, a sort of punishment those who were behindhand in their collect because in the subsequent four months t would get less than in the first four, and if t allowed the collection to get into arrears t would get no poundage on them. It would most desirable thing if they could get two-thi of the rates in in the first four months. He written to the Clerk of the Kilrush Union, w their Inspector had informed him this system payment was adopted, and he (the clerk) t him that by the adoption of that system sliding scale they had preserved Kilrush U from bankruptcy. There should, he said, be necessity for changing the legitimate govern body of this Board and substituting paid g dians. They need not abrogate their duties; trusted they had ability, enough to discha them, and if they gave attention to them mat would work satisfactorily.

Mr Raleigh said that he had very great p sure in seconding the resolution which Mr Gab had put forward in his usual able and gen manly manner. He could not, however, ag with him that it would be dishonourable of Board to change their treasurer, if by doing they could get enough of money to tide c their difficulties.

Mr Harris, city rate collector, said that it agreed by the Board that his collection wa fair one, and without going into statistics he that it was more than an average good one. remuneration he was at present getting was lowest paid to any rate collector in any si Union in Ireland. His predecessor had sixpence in the pound for collecting the rate u there was a proposal to do it for threepence, then he did it for fourpence. If he (Mr Har was compelled to lodge a certain sum in ei months he should have two assistants to l him. He suggested they should allow him pence in the pound for the eight months nothing for arrears. There were only £11 outstanding at present, of which he would h £30 lodged next week, and there was from premises in Chancery, which he supp he would not have till the middle of August.

Chairman—We cannot increase your pound without notice of motion.

Mr O'Mara—How much was discharged week, Mr Harris?  
Mr Harris—£233 17s Id.  
Mr Gabbett—How soon will the warrants b the hands of the collectors?  
Clerk—About this day fortnight.  
Mr Gabbett remarked that practically they now only eight months to get in the rates to