

described as extraordinary innovation had been introduced into the of the country, and the shifts and at had been adopted. Mr. Goschen, aid, amid laughter, he appreciated rity of Sir Vernon, who, when he cellor of the Exchequer, distinguished by proposing to suspend his Little Fund in order to meet a deficit. He d Mr. Gladstone to make good on the e House the statements he had made gs. Mr. Gladstone retorted that Mr had enough to do in dealing with Sir Harcourt's speech, and that he need afield in inviting criticism. Mr. replied that if he had heard the worst to be stated he would apply himself rnon's statements. His carping at ersion of the Debt had never been r Mr. Gladstone. He was not a good nt, and when he got among figures lessly involved. Mr Goschen then went details connected with the Suez Cana- he Barrack Contracts, and the Naval s, and in conclusion said he was ready ny further information that might be

Mr H. H. Fowler, a Radical mem- ared the Budget a great political and triumph for Mr Chamberlain. Mr. defended the Chancellor of the Ex- , and the formal resolution was agreed reply to Mr. Sexton, the Chancellor of hequer stated that out of the million this year to free education Ireland e entitled as her share to £100,000, and he £2,000,000 next year she would get 0. He could not, of course, say how it be applied; that would rest with the ecretary.

enza epidemic, with which we are all un- ly familiar since last year, appears to be a firm hold in England. A serious out- reported at Stockport, where large num- he patients and officers of the workhouse n attacked. The disease is most severe shire and Lincoln, and its severity is y due to the bitter east winds that have d there for some time past. In some dis- f Yorkshire there is scarcely a house a sufferer from the complaint, and in laces every member of the household is he care of the doctor. In some of the aces of business the majority of the em- are suffering from *la grippe*, and great

on Donru... vessel sailed to-day at one o'clock in order that the men may reach Limerick on Thursday. Prior to the embarking of the Black Watch, the Lancashire Fusiliers from Glasgow, numbering 681, disembarked from the Assistance. An advance party of the Black Watch, comprising thirteen men in charge of an officer and two sergeants, arrived here to-day by the mid-day train from Belfast, and proceeded to the New Barracks. The Worcestershire Regiment will leave by the 9.30 train on Thursday morning for the Curragh. The Black Watch are expected to arrive here by the river steamers early on same day.

**MR ST GEORGE HARE'S NEW PICTURE.**—Our readers will be pleased to learn that Mr St G Hare son of our respected fellow-citizen, Dr Hare, has achieved another success at the Royal Academy. His picture this year, which has won for itself a position on "the line," is entitled "The Victory of Faith," and represents two Christian martyrs—one an Ethiopian, the other an European—awaiting martyrdom in a prison of the amphitheatre of Ancient Rome. The contrasts of colouring are remarkable, the fairness of the one throwing into relief the rich hues of her dusky companion; whilst the boldness of the background, which have been studied from life, add fearful reality to the whole painting. This is the sixth consecutive year that Mr Hare has exhibited in the Royal Academy, and we congratulate him heartily upon his success.

**DEATH OF THE REV FRANCIS HEWSON.**—The death is announced as having taken place at Claret Rock, Dundalk, of the Rev F Hewson, in his 86th year. He was the eldest son of the late Mr John Francis Hewson, J P, D L, of Ennismore, the present Mr George Hewson, J P, being the youngest and surviving son, and grandson of Mr John Hewson, of Castle Hewson, County Limerick, where he was born. The deceased clergyman, who graduated in Trinity College, Dublin, was for twenty-five years rector of Dunganstown, County Wicklow, but last year, though he was pressed by his parishioners to remain, he resigned his incumbency, as he felt he was unable to discharge the duties of his sacred office to his satisfaction. He was highly thought of in the Church of Ireland, and his death will be regretted by old friends. He leaves one son, Mr George Rawden Hewson, who resides in Sligo.

**ANOTHER MOONLIGHT OUTRAGE IN CLARE.**—Intelligence reached Ennis yesterday (Monday) that between eight and nine o'clock a gang of four moonlighters attacked the house of a small farmer named Alexander Tuohy, residing near Townagh, five miles distant, and fired three shots into the dwelling, but without injury to any of the inmates. At twelve o'clock the police from the district brought in as prisoners arrested on suspicion, two young men named Lawrence Hayes and Patrick Murphy, and they were locked up at Ennis barrack until three o'clock, when Mr John W Scott, JP, held a formal investigation by taking the deposition of Constable Featherstone, who made the arrest. Beyond that he had no evidence. District Inspector Dunning applied for a remand until next day, when he expected to produce evidence inculpating the accused. The remand was granted, and the prisoners removed to the bridewell.—Con.

into the management of his own house, even has some idea that his young wife is in love with a good looking curate. However, he finds out that human nature is so bad as it is painted, that there are ready to help him when it is supposed to be trouble, and having by this time got spectacles back, "Mr Benjamin Gold" himself once again. So the curtain'd scene where all is love and Mr Geo Raiemond as "Mr Benjamin C" was excellent; as the over credulous man who bye and bye gives way to feeling of suspicion and jealousy, the actor was excellent, and his performance was an excellent piece of work all round. A most characteristic character was "Uncle Gregory," his which was sustained by Mr W Hargreaves' great ability. It was most natural degree, and it would be difficult to find suited to the role—it was impossible not at his droll ideas, and the animated colouring which "Mr Benjamin" and himself engaged "Percy Goldfinch," Mr Howard Sturges part very cleverly, and so did Mr Royell as "Dick" (Gregory's son) who rarely hard up, and finds it equally hard round the governor, in which task, he eventually succeeds. Miss Florence F the young and handsome wife of "Mr Goldfinch," acted very gracefully and successfully. Miss Wyniard made a pre- Lorimer," and Miss Emily Mitchell filled of "Charlotts," the parlourmaid. J Ashford, as "Lorimer," was good, and Carthcart, as "Bartholomew," the was a most interesting character. All parts were capably filled, and in short was excellently presented. "A Pair of S" will be produced each night during the should attract crowded houses. It is by a most entertaining comedietta.

#### THE LATE MR. SMITHWICK, YOUGHAL HOUSE, NENAGH

At Nenagh Petty Sessions, on Saturday Charles E Tuthill, who occupied the chair, alluding to the recent death of Mr Smithwick of Youghal House, Nenagh, said—commence the regular business the court to express its deep regret at the death of Mr Smithwick, the oldest magistrate in the district, and, probably, one of the oldest magistrates of the county. Mr Smithwick lived in such a patriarchal age that few of the magistrates who now attend held the countenance of the peace when failing nature necessitated continued absence from the bench; and those who were associated with him in fact knew him to be a regular attendant who took a keen interest in county business. Mr Smithwick was an upright and conscientious magistrate. Mr Smithwick spent his long life—21 years of the allotted span—as a resident in the county. All classes held him in the highest regard. His tenantry and dependants always the most cordial relations with him. He has now severed these ties, and the memory of the kindly feelings which existed between them, will long survive. Those who knew Mr Smithwick were asked to contribute to an epitaph for his freshly-made grave. A most melodious voice would be to inscribe the following line, "Here lies a good man."—Con.