

for the comfort of life." Then he states that the Tourists' Association will take steps to improve the existing rural hotels, or encourage enterprise to erect new buildings which would be placed in charge of an experienced manager. Another of the aims of the association will be to establish, or cause to be established, a system of tourist cars, and assist to form a perfect service of tram, coach, and steamboat service in suitable localities. And, we are certain that in this latter respect it will have the cordial support of the railway and steamship companies. There are suggestions in the document before us of providing more amusements of various kinds for the people; and, in addition, several other useful ideas are put forward. Given the support of those who should be practically interested in the development of Irish Tourist Traffic, the scheme should prove a great success, and a great benefit to the country at large, and Mr Crossley deserves the greatest credit for his energetic labours and the valuable information he has placed before the public. The project is now well understood; there ought to be no insurmountable difficulties in the way of pushing it forward; and we hope that no delay will occur in giving practical assistance to Mr Crossley in his laudable work which tends so much to the prosperity of our people.

In reference to a Privy Council rule proposing to abolish the office of Visiting Physicians in Lunatic Asylums, the following, which appears in the *Medical Press*, will of interest:—"We observe with satisfaction that the Board of Governors of the Cork District Lunatic Asylum have forwarded to the Lord Lieutenant a resolution protesting against the proposal to remove Visiting Physicians out of the way of Residents of Irish Lunatic Asylums, and we are glad to know that other Boards of Governors are likely to follow suit." Though this rule does not affect the present holders of the office of Visiting Physician, it is naturally the subject of much discussion in medical circles, and a strong protest against the contemplated step has been sent to the Lord Lieutenant from the College of Physicians in Dublin. In the case of such a large institution as a Lunatic Asylum the office of Visiting Physician is, we should think, a most valuable one, and if it should be abolished we fancy that it will be against the wishes of many of the Governors of Lunatic Asylums. It would be well, then, to have an expression of opinion, for or against, from the various Boards of Governors, and that the example shown in Cork should be generally followed up throughout Ireland.

The Dean of Limerick, Mr W. E. Ellis, and Mr William Waller, D.L., were present at the meeting of the Representative Church Body held yesterday.

It will be seen by advertisement that Messrs Cannock and Company are now showing a special display of furniture, carpets, curtains, etc., and they invite an inspection of their artistically dressed windows.

The London correspondent of the *Freeman* says—I regret to announce that Mrs Barry O'Brien, widow of Mr Patrick Barry O'Brien, of Marine View, Kiltrush, county Clare, died at 100 Sinclair road, Kensington, on Monday, March 14, aged 76.

Chambers, however, came to the relief by a long kick down the field, and soon afterwards half time was intimated, neither side having scored. Beginning the second period Garryowen worked the ball in dangerous proximity to the College goal but its sojourn there was very short, the College backs having come to the relief, and the ball was carried up the field, where a lot of scrimmaging took place. Frees were got by both sides, but without any material results. The defence game was now indulged in by both sides. When the whistle sounded neither side had scored. On the whole the play was not good, both sides playing a stubborn defence game, which was devoid of any brilliant play. The following were the teams:—

Garryowen—Sullivan, full; O'Connor, Peel, O'Connor, halves; Lynch, and Stapleton, quarters; Kelly, McArdle, O'Connor, Hartney, Guinane, Prendergast, Murnane, Hall, and Harty, forwards.

Queen's College—Chambers, full; Fuller, Dee, and Ahern, halves; Forde and Potter, quarters; Clarke, J. Ahern, "Charles," Cantillon, Sandford, Boyd, White, Long, and Sullivan, forwards.

Referee, Mr W. L. Stokes; Umpires, Dr Seely, Queen's College, and Mr J. P. Hook, Garryowen.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. JOSEPH DUGGAN.

The funeral of the late Mr Joseph Duggan, of her Majesty's Customs, who died in Dublin on Tuesday last after a brief illness, took place to-day. The remains arrived in Limerick, Mr Duggan's native place, by the 1.25 train from Dublin, and were met at the Terminus by an immense concourse. All the football clubs in the city, in which pastime the deceased took a great interest, were fully represented, and altogether there was widespread sympathy expressed with his family in the great loss they have sustained by the death of one whose kind-heartedness, genial manner, and integrity of character, were so characteristic of him. The remains were conveyed by Mallow street into George street and William street, and thence to Mount St Lawrence Cemetery, where the interment took place. The entire distance the coffin was borne on the shoulders of friends of the deceased. The wreaths, which were very numerous, were sent by Limerick County Football and other clubs, St Michael's Temperance Society, and a large number of private friends.

BLACK AND WHITE.

In these days of illustrated journalism, the strides which are being made in the production of real works of art for a really nominal figure, are certainly surprising. *Black and White* is a periodical to which we have often referred with the greatest pleasure. As an illustrated paper, it holds a position of the highest rank, while its literary work leaves nothing to be desired for its freshness of style and the attractiveness of the subjects that are selected. A recent issue fully sustains the high reputation which *Black and White* so deservedly enjoys. We find several beautiful wood engravings, some of them in blue, light green, or bronze, and which are generally associated with articles of general interest. The opening sketch is entitled, "A Knight of the Road—A Reminiscence of the last century." Sporting men will take a great interest in an engraving showing "Fullerton," the winner of the Waterloo Cup, a beautifully shaped dog. A very handsome engraving is that entitled "Bad News," from the painting by G. Mantegazza, and another relates to "The Battle of Sardinia"—the ramming of the French ironclad "Amiral Baudin," by H.M.S. "Polyphemus." These are but a few of the illustrations, but they serve to show what excellent value the public can have for sixpence. *Black and White* may be had of all newsagents in Limerick.

LIMERICK COMMERCIAL BICYCLE CLUB.

The first annual general meeting of this club has been held at the Commercial Hotel, Mr Cole (President) in the chair. The Hon Sec (Mr W

at the petty sessions held at Wednesday, 16th inst, Mr A. M occupied the chair. The other members were Mr H. V. Macnamara, D.L.; and Lucas.

Mr Harper said—Before the court begins, I desire to say a few words regarding Mr Otter's transfer from this court last court day we have been gratified to see Mr Otter has been selected by the General for the important post of District Officer at Athlone. Speaking for myself I help expressing my regret at his departure. Mr Otter is an officer of the highest intelligence—one of the best officers I have met, and one with whom it would be a pleasure to have official duties to perform. I have colleagues on this bench, as well as Mr Malbay, are of the same opinion, and regret his removal, we at the same time congratulate him on his well deserved promotion.

Mr Macnamara expressed his sympathy with the remarks that fell from Mr Otter and was sorry that they had lost so efficient an officer.

Lucas and Mr Reilly, so expressed their concurrence.

The following resolution was passed by the court and seconded by Mr Lucas:—"That District-Inspector Otter has been selected by the General for the important post of District Officer at Athlone, we desire to record our appreciation of the zealous and combined with great judgment, during the six years he has been in the Ennistymon district. During that period he has been the means of bringing to justice many serious offenders, and we wish further to record our testimony to his efficiency, impartiality, and courage in the discharge of his general duties. We sincerely regret his removal from this court, and at the same time congratulate him on his well-merited advancement, with his future career. That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Mr Otter, and to the General."

ENNIS UNION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT) The Guardians at yesterday's meeting were Mr James Coffey, chairman, who was supported by Messrs W Cotter, D.V.C.; M Grogan, T Galvin, J F V Fitzgerald, D.L., and J.P.

FINANCE.

Balance to credit to-day, £64 10s. Only lodgment for the week was £10 10s. Clare Lunatic Asylum, being the tenance of lunatics in the Ennistymon wards for quarter.

A letter was read from Sir W. O'Brien acknowledging receipt of the Board's last day, requesting that the count be scheduled under the Congested Districts Act.

THE COLLECTION OF THE RENTS OF COTTAGES.

Mr O'Brien proposed the resolution that he had given notice that the rents of labourers' cottages should be collected at the rate of 1s. 6d. to the rate collectors at a remuneration of 1s. 6d.

The rents heretofore had been collected by relieving officers on a poundage of 10s. per annum, a considerable amount of arrears due to the rate collectors are averse to taking up the collection. Mr Fitzgerald seconded the motion.

After some discussion the Chairman moved the following resolution:—"That the Local Board be asked if the guardians should be compelled to pay the poor-rate collector for the future the rents of the labourer's cottages at the rate of one shilling in the pound. On the motion of Mr Grogan, a resolution in support of the above movement was adopted.

There was no other business, and the meeting adjourned.