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These matters will be he meeting of the com- ck, when also a special d for considering the hase of the Kanturk and he report of the meeting nterest in this city, as it te correspondence in the Waterford and Limerick the minds of the share- there be no direct re- the meeting.

ge street, attended as it e life, once more brought the very patent fact that

charged with attacking the dwelling house of one George Hyland, a caretaker in the employment of Major Blacket, at Army Hill, between Nenagh and Moneygall. It appeared that the accused entered Hyland's house armed with an iron bar, put Hyland on his knees, and threatened to have his life if he did not leave the place. He was bound in substantial bail to keep the peace for two years.—*Con.*

THE BOOKBINDING TRADE.—Messrs Guy and Co have at present on view some excellent specimens of bookbinding, and account book making, for which class of work the house has long enjoyed a very high reputation. We notice some large ledgers which have been bound in calf and Russian leather, for local firms, and it is gratifying to see such excellent workmanship turned out in Limerick. This is a very important industry in itself, and we hope that it will receive the support it deserves from local traders, particularly when they can receive good value at home without going beyond it.

IRISH DEEP SEA FISHING.—At the meeting of the Literary Class of the Protestant Young Men's Association last evening a most interesting and instructive lecture on "Irish Deep Sea Fishing" was delivered by Mr A. W. Shaw, J.P. Rev. J. Dowd, President of the Class, occupied the chair, and the attendance was unusually large, the hall being quite crowded to the door. The lecture—a full report of which we hold over to next issue—was illustrated by a number of magic lantern slides, which were placed on the screen by Mr Benjamin Barrington, and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Mr Shaw, on the motion of Mr Gibson, seconded by Mr Hook.

DEATH OF A CORK BANK MANAGER.—We regret to observe the announcement of the death of Mr T. J. McMahon, Manager of the Cork National Bank. The sad event which occurred yesterday was the result of a cold which developed into pneumonia. Mr McMahon was one of the oldest officials of the bank of which he had been a most zealous servant for more than 50 years. He was born in Limerick, in 1821, and joined the service of the National Bank in this city in 1840. He had of course, been located in many important centres, and for the past 24 years has been Manager of the Cork National Bank. He was remarkable for his excellent business capacity and his unvarying courtesy to the public. His demise is deeply regretted in the City by the Lee, and a vote of condolence with his family was passed by the Corporation on yesterday.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL RESTORATION.— A SUGGESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

SIR—The restoration of the Cathedral is slowly nearing completion, and I understand the contract for the present portion of the work expires on the 1st April, on which day the contractors are bound to finish the work.

The porch is not, however, in the contract, and anyone who goes in and out on Sunday cannot fail to observe how greatly it requires restoration and repair. It occurs to me that my brother Freemasons might fairly take this burden on their shoulders and restore the Western entrance in memory of their late beloved Provincial Grand Master, Sir James Spaight.

The Freemasons of Cornwall gave 2600 towards the building of Truro Cathedral. The Gloucester Freemasons gave £1,400 for the reredos of that noble Cathedral. The Bristol Freemasons restored the Lady Chapel in St. Mary Reddiffe Church in that city, and laid the foundation stone (if I am not mistaken) of the nave of the Cathedral in that city. The Somersetshire Freemasons

where puss was soon afoot, and her stratagem proved effectual in baffling the hounds, who could neither make her break away from the demesne or get on level terms with her. Scent was very bad, and the sport up to this point uninteresting. However, the gallant captain had a surprise in store for us in the shape of the deer-van, which turned up at this juncture. The Master explained that although this meet was not an advertised stag hunt, he wanted to see what his hounds could do with the "big game," and none saying him nay, a move was made for Green mount, and on the hill behind that place a stag was uncaptured. After a few minutes deliberation this good buck made up his mind and headed for Killescon. After the customary "law" the hounds were laid on, and shortly after, to our dismay, the stag was seen heading back straight for the hounds, but the Estates proved kinder than we expected, and the close attentions of the pack soon convinced him that "leg bail" was the only thing that could save him, so on he went through Dooneen and Ballymurphy, across Friarstown bog, and was finally captured in a stream at the back of the demesne, after a very fast gallop of just an hour's duration. I noticed several saddles empty during our progress, and the fence all along the line were as stiff as anyone need wish. I am happy to say the only lady who was bold enough to brave the inclement weather was in it all through and seemed to be enjoying herself immensely. Amongst the first up at the finish were the Master, Messrs M Harty, P Mulcahy, J Thomas, J Quin, J P, and friend, E C Winte and the Whip. The "meet" was advertised for Friarstown, on Tuesday last, and this time we were prepared for stag hunting—and stag hunting it was with a vengeance. The game was enlarged in a field above and to the right of Friarstown Cross, and after beating for Rockfle the chase lay along the low ground between the bog and Friarstown House, across the road near Brookland and Licadon, up the hill opposite around to the right towards Knockea Chapel, from this straight across towards Cahirinnary, along the road for half a mile and again across country to Ballyneety Church. Here, the hounds were completely at fault, and all the efforts of the mast could not get them on the line again. Several of the field here decided that they had enough of and trotted home, but the master decided to hunt for his stag till he found him, and after a short time he was found lying quietly under a haystack close to the road where the hounds lost him. An attempt to effect his capture having failed the hounds were again laid on and the stag seemed without injury after an exciting quarter of an hour. Amongst those out were, Captain O'Gra (Master), Captain Kenny, A Macnamara, S Winter, E C Winter, James Quin, J P; Dr Clifford, and last but not least, the fair lady mentioned above, who was seen leading the way more than one occasion through this run as well as through the last. The gallant little pack was again on Thursday, at Annacotty, and had a run of about four miles after a smart doe from the famous Glenstal herd. Messrs Walsh, Keayes Walsh, S J Winter, E C Winter, M Shine, and Ryan were there to support the master and wh and amongst those on wheels were Mrs Gabbett, Miss Gabbett, the Misses Barrington, Mrs Miss Seymour, the Misses McDonnell, and the Misses Nolan.—*CORRESPONDENT.*

LIMERICK HARRIERS CROSS COUNTRY HANDICAP.

This afternoon this event was held on the Ballinacurra Course, which was kindly lent Mr Hogan. The weather was bad, and the recent rains had made the going very heavy for competitors. A large number of spectators were present and as the race was a n