

expenditure on outdoor relief was very large, averaging £40 and £45 per week, and he was of opinion that by careful supervision of the outdoor relief list, and by the application of the work-house test in all doubtful cases, a very considerable reduction in the expense under that head could be effected, and that in the interests of the ratepayers the guardians should give this matter their careful consideration and endeavour to give effect to his suggestion. In reference to the fact that the baths recently provided by the guardians for the use of the inmates were seldom used, Mr Bourke trusted that the guardians would direct their officers to see that warm baths were given at regular intervals in future, as such was essential to cleanliness, and that the medical officer had agreed with him that such might be given without the least damage to the inmates' health. The arrangement for the industrial training of the children was sufficient, but it might, however, be desirable to instruct one or two of the elder girls in laundry work. The boys were carried out at regular intervals for exercise, but of late, the schoolmistress neglected her duty in that respect. For the ten weeks preceding his visit the girls were only out twice, and this officer should be warned that if such occurred in future serious notice would be taken of her conduct. The master should now keep his books himself, and not allow a portion of this duty to be performed by the schoolmaster. The clothing appropriation book is not properly kept. It should be an accurate record of the clothing in use, which it is not. This may be seen by comparing it with the clothing receipt book which shows that the supply of certain articles of clothing is less than would appear by the clothing appropriation book.

The report was considered very satisfactory, but the guardians will again consider it in detail on next board day, with a view to effecting the improvements suggested by the Inspector.

In reference to the charges about irregularities in connection with the keys of the institution, explanations were received from the master, schoolmaster, and hall porter, which were considered satisfactory and ordered to be forwarded to the Local Government Board for their information.

Mr Kett and others said Mr Eagar deserved the thanks of the ratepayers for the interest he was taking on their behalf in keeping down unnecessary taxation, as well as having discipline and regularity enforced in connection with the institution.

The Board adjourned.

THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE AT YOUGHAL.

The Duke of Devonshire arrived at Youghal yesterday about 2 o'clock, and visited several places of interest, including St Mary's Protestant church. The visit being private, he declined to receive any address. The party left at 5 o'clock for Lismore.

The International Miners' Conference was opened yesterday at Brussels. Mr Burt, M.P., presided, and there were several other English Labour Members of Parliament amongst the delegates, who also included representatives of Belgium, France, and Germany. The eight hours' question was discussed on a motion and amendment both proposed by English delegates.

are bequeathed to the executors. All plate, pictures, and household effects, and all farm stock and other effects not otherwise specifically bequeathed, and all the balances at the estate banking accounts and in the hands of the agents, and all rents due, and the sum of £100,000 to pay succession duty, and all the residue of the personal estate are bequeathed to the testator's brother, Frederick Arthur, now 16th Earl of Derby.

A NEW CANADIAN RAILWAY.

A new railway company, to be known as the Atlantic and Lake Superior, has been organised at Montreal. The line will run from Saulte St Marie to Ottawa, thence to Montreal, where it will be carried by a bridge, estimated to cost 5,000,000 dols, across the St Lawrence. The railway will terminate at Gaspé Basin, one of the finest harbours in Canada. Lines of steamers will, it is proposed, be run from Gaspé to Liverpool, and from Saulte St Marie to Duluth, at the head of Lake Superior. At Duluth there will be a connection between the steamers and the Northern Pacific system. A new Transatlantic route with connection to the Pacific coast will thus be established.—*Dalziel.*

The meeting of the Society of Antiquaries was held yesterday in the city of Kilkenny. The Lord Bishop of Ossory was moved to the chair, in the absence, through indisposition, of Lord James Butler. In the afternoon an enjoyable excursion to some places of interest in the district took place, the members dining together in the evening.

Announcement of Births, Marriages, and Deaths not exceeding 5 lines (which must in all cases be duly authenticated) are charged 2s 6d each. For ver additional line 6d

BIRTHS.

- Goodwin—At Clifton Ville, on 23rd May, the wife of James Goodwin of a daughter.
- Compton-Smith—May 19, at 22 Summer place, South Kensington, the wife of Wm C Compton-Smith, Barrister-at-Law, of a daughter.
- Smithwick—On the 17th instant, at the Vicarage, Seaforth, Liverpool, the wife of the Rev R F Smithwick, M A, Vicar of Seaforth, of a daughter.
- Evans—May 20, at 25 Annesley Park, Rathmines, County Dublin, the wife of Henry Evans, jun, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

Davidge and Burden—On the 17th instant, at St George's, Hanover square, London, by the Rev David Anderson, MA, Henry Norris Davidge, son of the late Wm Davidge, of Highbridge, Somersetshire, to Frances Elizabeth Burden, younger surviving daughter of E M Burden, 37 Duke street, Grosvenor-square.

DEATHS.

- Duff—May 21, at Barrington's Hospital, after a short illness, John E. Duff, aged 34 years, deeply regretted.
- Anderson—May 20, at 11 South Mall, Cork, Elizabeth Sophia, eldest daughter of Captain A R Anderson, of Mount Corbett, Buttevant, County Cork, deeply regretted.
- Plunkett—May 21, at 10 Palmerston road, Rathmines, County Dublin, George William, only son of James Plunkett, Solicitor.
- Langley—May 21, at Knockanure, County Tipperary, Major John Neville Langley, J P.

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