

moured in Dublin that the war Omce intend in their economical crusade to sh regimental race meetings. Polo was for a time, then regimental coaches, but in future, it is said, to be barred. The eclipse much of the Spring gaiety of these regimental reunions are believed lost the *raison d'être* of horse-soldiers, immensely popular.

Leigh of the 15th Hussars, who recently n England from Sydney, does not rejoin of the Governor of New South Wales, he has been senior aide-de-camp since 3.

ble figure—the Grand Old Man of fox-and chasing in Ireland—has disappeared e from what Moore would call “the field me,” for Major Trocke, who won the Wales's Plate, to which he might, had n, have added the Conyngham Cup, at town last year on his home-bred mare, has been obliged to sell of his hunters er in Madeira. But, if fit and well, he ably be again in the saddle next April at town, and mounted once more on

ry generally agreed that there has not h a woodcock season in the West of or ten years, and it is highly probable d Ardlaun's coverts at Ashford, to be t month, will yield larger totals than t Castlehacket, Mr Percy Bernard's party p sixty-nine woodcock, though they shot ight of tempest that banished birds t Hill Covert—the best source of supply years. Lord Clonbrock's party at k got thirty-four-and-a-half couple, I believe, a record performance there.

bags have been obtained in the Queen's and woodcock seem more plentiful there some years past. At Abbeyleix, Lord d party shot eight hundred and fifty ts, ninety-four rabbits, and forty-eight hile at Liaduff, Colonel Poe and seven ooting last week, had seven hundred pheasants, two hundred and forty-seven and sixty-three cock.

#### THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE.

Duke of Devonshire visited Derby on y afternoon in order to preside at the meeting of the Derbyshire Children's k, of which he is President, and at the gathering of the Freemasons of Derby, t which he is Provincial Grand Master. g at the former meeting, his Grace warmly d the work carried on by the hospital, e described as one of the most efficient in try. At the meeting of the Freemasons he invested his officers for the ensuing rother Victor Cavendish, M P, being in s Provincial Senior Grand Warden. He ivered an address to the brethren.

#### TIOSITIES OF NOMENCLATURE.

he world grows older every means of time becomes of increasing importance lue, for there is so very much more to be d done nowadays than in former ages. e circumstances, considerable credit at o the young French conscript who may be have inaugurated a new system of nomen—that of employing initials instead of

He gave his name as E. F. G., and on ng his birth certificate, the authorities hat the letters in question really con-his entire name. It turns out, however, e case is by no means without a parallel. is boasts a suburban tradesman named O, na, as we all know, rejoices in a General England it is harder to find instances of gal method, but at least we have Gees, es, to say nothing of the one and only ” The svstem has much to recom-

him. Mr Hetreed, who prosecuted, contended that Mr Parker was liable. Mr Irwin said, in his opinion, it was the assistant who took the boots, against whom the charge should be brought. Mr Hetreed said he did not wish to press the case against Mr Parker, who was a very respectable man, and gave every assistance to the police in the detection of stolen property, but at the same time he believed that he was liable in the present case. The Bench decided to dismiss the case without prejudice, Mr Irwin remarking that proceedings ought to have been taken against the assistant who received the boots.

The other cases were of an uninteresting nature, and the Court adjourned.

#### CORONER'S INQUEST.

An inquest was held yesterday by the City Coroner, Mr DeCourcy, in the Grand Juryroom, City Courthouse, touching the death of a Dutch seaman named Piet Somers, who was found drowned in the Floating Dock on Thursday afternoon.

Sergeant Flynn conducted the proceedings on behalf of the Crown.

The first witness called was Augustine Marks. He deposed in answer to Sergeant Flynn—I am a sailor on board the German barque Windspraut; I knew the deceased, who was cook and steward on board the Windspraut; I joined the ship in Australia; deceased was on board then; we arrived in Limerick on the 18th of October; deceased was in the habit of leaving the ship and going on shore during the night; I saw him last on the 20th of November, about 12 o'clock in the day, on board ship; he was a steady and sober man, and was on good terms with the captain and crew.

Another sailor named Derk Alta deposed that he was a seaman on board the Windspraut; he knew deceased; he last saw deceased at his mother-in-law's house on the 22nd of November, which he (deceased) left to return to his ship at about 11 o'clock at night; it was a very foggy night; deceased was quite sober when he left to go on board.

In answer to the Coroner deponent stated there was no gangway going on to the ship; there was a rope ladder which did not touch the shore; deceased would have to step off the dock to reach the ladder; the body was not found near the ship.

John Behan deposed that he was walking down the docks on the 20th instant when he saw a body floating on the water; he called assistance and got it taken out.

After the Coroner had summed up,

The Jury returned a verdict of accidental drowning.”

#### “RED LION HOUSE” PUBLICATIONS.

The public certainly cannot grumble at the abundance and variety of the Christmas comic papers. What can be more enjoyable than to glance over the grotesque illustrations and read the witty and seasonal tit-bits which are to be found in these papers? We commend our readers to the “Red Lion House” publications, some of which we have received. They are to be had at prices ranging from the modest penny to sixpence, and are one and all excellent value. Mirth-provoking to a degree, they are thoroughly up to date, and they abound with illustrations which are the soul of wit.

The *Weekly Budget* contains a grand double number in which are the opening chapters of a new romantic story of adventure, as well as two other new serials, and numerous complete Christmas stories, all profusely illustrated.

The Christmas double number of *Old and Young* has a representation of Father Time riding on a bicycle and laden with toys of every description calculated to make the juvenile

present system is being carried years ago, illness occurring in a family in Liverpool made him first sickness combined with poverty. He noticed that though everything could do was done for the invalid, n to be of so much real comfort as the skilful nurse, and so when in t there was no longer the occasion asked this nurse to go into the sh pool, and do there for the sick poor done for his own wife. The nurse end of it was that in a short time Liverpool was divided into distri now, I believe, it is one of the best in the world. District nursing p success in Liverpool that other cit but only in a small way. One r was, that a supply of nurses v coming. Hospitals refused to give so it was only in 1887—the year of that a general scheme was forme nurses for this special branch, a them to the provinces wherever a tion desires to establish district nur way any place, on application, coul with a nurse specially trained for t branch of work. Many people special training required for sing? I answer, it is because and expect so much fro the country, if only it is proper that we think it necessary to spe for it those who are about to un will quote for you the words of an appeared in the *Hospital* on this paper is a well-known authority on and therefore its words have weigh “'Till quite lately the necessity of than less, training for this special been realized. If only those who could be convinced of the fact tha respecter of persons, and that, t labourer needs the same skilful Duke, and even more, because he against him. To entrust the nursi in sickness to women of little or is no more justifiable than to limit relief to unqualified practitioners. nursing the people in their own more difficult than is generally sup who propose to enter on it. It is tion of practical economy. The demand which increases with kn needs. If the work be continued ciples it will be a power in the la fore its ultimate results, as well effects, must be only considered. keeping a home together, when the the workhouse, is a social question consequences. To shorten the t illness by proper attention to the d to save mothers of families from effects of ignorance and neglect proper management of infants are gains to the communi To this object—the training of dis her Majesty devoted the surplus o Jubilee Offering Fund (£72,000) centres chosen for training purpo don, Edinburgh, and Dublin. In we have two district nurses' homes which is entirely devoted to the Protestant nurses, and St Laur training of Roman Catholic nurs these homes considerable grants been made by the Control Council and here I may tell you that the S got the largest amount of the two, hoped that once the advantages o ing became known throughout the demand would arise for Roman C as the greater number of the peopl the South of Ireland, are of that I am sorry to say that up to the pre