

PROPOSED TREAT TO THE WORKHOUSE CHILDREN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR—Will you kindly allow me space in your columns to appeal to the citizens of Limerick and those living in its vicinity, for funds to give an entertainment on Twelfth Day (January 6th) to all the Workhouse children? My intention is to give each child a toy or a book, some sweets, an orange and tea, with bread and butter and cake; also a Christmas tree. I am quite sure that there are many who will gladly help to give a little happiness to children who, through no fault of their own, are obliged to pass their young lives in the dreary monotony of a workhouse, and whose lot is such a contrast to that of their own happy and well-cared-for little ones. Any monetary donations towards the treat will be most gladly received by me, and any contributions of toys and books also. The toys and books should be sent to Mrs Tidmarsh, Lots, Circular Road; Mrs C Fitt, 9, The Crescent; or to me at Mrs O'Neill's, 116, George-street, Limerick, with the name and address of donor attached. Everything will be duly acknowledged by me in the columns of this paper, and I shall be especially obliged if all donations of money are sent before 1st January.—Yours, &c.,

GERTRUDE MARY VINCENT.

Summerhill, Castleconnell,
26th Dec., 1895.

[We are quite certain the kindly and most thoughtful suggestion of Mrs Vincent will be warmly taken up. It may be no harm to point out that in Cork, no less than two thousand little waifs and strays of that city were, through the generosity of the citizens, made bright and happy on Christmas Day.—Ed. L. C.]

FUEL AND BLANKET FUND.

Limerick, 28th Dec., 1895.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR—The columns of the *Chronicle* have long been open to appeals on the part of the poor of the city, and the above fund having always had its strenuous support, I venture to call the attention of your readers to the condition of the charity which at this moment is anything but cheering, at least so far as a prospect of a second or third supply which the committee on all former occasions have been able to give. The extreme severity of the weather at this season, and the consequent want of employment press with peculiar hardship especially on the sick, infirm, and the aged, and I may add, on the very young, and renders it more incumbent on those who are charitably disposed, and can afford it to aid them. It is to be regretted that the members of the Corporation, to whom the collecting of the money to pay for coal was entrusted (and to them alone) at the first meeting of the citizens held on the 9th December this year have, as I am informed, declined to do so. An example has been given them by the visitors—men of business, too, who, amidst the many claims on them at this season, found time not only to select proper objects for relief, but to distribute it with their own hands in the rooms, garrets, cellars, in the lanes and alleys of the city. A further and more striking example has been afforded at this moment of humane sympathy in the city of Dublin and the surrounding townships, when we find the inhabitants of every denomination and class, from the peer to the peasant, with a large-heartedness and generosity, vying with each other, not only to assist the widow and the orphan, but to give warmth and comfort to the rescued sailors—Russians, Poles, Norwegians. Here we have money at our call to relieve distress, which only requires to be asked for, and it won't be dead.—I am, dear sir, faithfully yours,

J O'SHAUGHNESSY, Hon. Sec.

DESTRUCTIVE FLOODS IN NENAGH.

The enjoyment of the Christmas festival has been dulled in Nenagh, as elsewhere, by the exceedingly inclement weather experienced for more than a week past. Floods of abnormal volume and destructiveness have swept down from the neighbouring mountain districts, and completely submerged the lowlying lands in the vicinity of the town. Portion of the town itself has been inundated. The locality known as Dublin Road, an important and populous thoroughfare branching off Castle street, in the direction of Toomevara, was rendered impassable except to those on vehicles, the water having risen several feet on the roadway and blocked the entrances to many of the houses.

DEATH OF MR MAURICE LENIHAN, J.P.

We regret to record the demise of the oldest, and, in his day, one of the best known journalists in Ireland. We refer to Mr Maurice Lenihan, J.P., who passed away at his residence, 17 Catherine street, on Christmas morning. Mr Lenihan, who had attained the patriarchal age of about 85 years, was the proprietor of the *Limerick Reporter and Tipperary Vindicator*, which he established in 1839, and conducted with marked ability up to recent years, when his age, of course, prevented further active participation in journalistic matters. For a considerable time past he has been invalided, and his demise was not unexpected. He was a gentleman of very high literary attainments, a fluent and refined writer, and one who possessed a thorough grasp of the topics of the day. He was a most ardent supporter of O'Connell, with whom he had been on terms of intimate friendship. He was also a contemporary of Lord O'Hagan, and others who stood prominent in the Young Ireland School. The deceased gentleman's name is linked with Limerick in an especial degree, for many years ago he wrote an able and most authoritative history of this city, which became so popular that the first edition was soon exhausted. It is an excellently written book, and displays wonderful industry and research. Mr Lenihan was a member of the Royal Irish Academy and took the greatest interest in antiquarian matters. In Municipal affairs he had been largely identified for many years and in 1854 filled the Mayoral chair with great ability. He was a magistrate for the city of Limerick, and it may be added that throughout his long life he was in his own unassuming way a very earnest advocate of temperance. By all who came in contact with him he was found kindly, courteous and obliging, and though he had lived to enjoy an age far beyond the ordinary span of years, his death is deeply regretted by many friends. A conspicuous figure, one of the very few remaining links connecting the present with a rapidly disappearing past generation, has been removed from amongst us, but Mr Lenihan's name will long be remembered by those who recognised his literary worth and the desire which he always evinced both with his voice and pen to further the material interests of the city of Limerick, where the major portion of his life has been spent. After the Office and Requiem High Mass for the dead had been celebrated at St Michael's R.C. Church, yesterday morning, the interment took place at Mount St Laurence Cemetery.

Chief mourners were—Mr James Lenihan, son, and Mr J Clarke, nephew.

The clergy present were:—Rev M O'Donnell, Adm, St Michael's; Rev James Cregan, C.C. do; Rev John Lee, C.C. do; Rev Dr O'Riordan, C.C. do; Rev John Griffin, C.C. St John's; Rev Henry O'Donnell, C.C. do; Rev Michael Murphy, C.C. do; Rev Jeremiah O'Connor, C.C. do; Rev D Hallinan, D.D. P.P. St Mary's; Rev Denis Shanahan, St Patrick's; Very Rev Canon Ryan, Galbally; Rev Father Bannion, O.P.; Rev Father McCormack, O.P.; Rev Father Quigley, O.P.; Rev Father Hanrahan, O.S.A.

Amongst the general public were:—The Mayor, Alderman Kenna (High Sheriff), Alderman O'Mara, Alderman Riordan, Alderman Cleary, J.P.; Alderman Gaffney, Alderman Carr, Alderman Ryan, Alderman Hall, J.P.; Mr John Clune, J.P.; Mr John Guinane, J.P.; Mr James Flynn, Mr John Hardiman, Mr Michael Egan, Mr Wm Lloyd, Mr James Quin, J.P.; Mr J J F Browne, C.E.; Mr John Ellard, Clerk of the Crown; Mr John Morton, Manager Provincial Bank; Mr James O'Mara, J.P.; Mr Patrick Herbert, T.C.; Mr J Anglim, T.C.; Mr Richard Smith, T.C.; Mr R M'Donnell, J.P.; Mr J De Courcy M'Donnell, Mr David Nelson, Mr A Hall, junior; Mr James Hall, solicitor; Mr James Gaffney, solicitor; Mr Joseph P Gaffney, High Sheriff Elect; Mr C H Fitt, Sub Sheriff; Mr John Ryan, solicitor; Mr P Griffin, Mr P Ryan, Mr F Roger, Mr John Bourke, Mr M Griffin, Mr A Boyle, Mr John Byrne, Mr T M'Mahon Cregan, J.P.; Mr M DeCourcy, City Coroner; Mr M Wolfe, City Treasurer; Mr Wm Spillane, D.L.; Mr J G Barry, J.P.; Mr B O'Donnell, J.P.; Mr Z Myles, J.P.; Mr W F O'Grady, Mr M Hanley, Mr David Begley, T.C.; Mr Hugh Coyle, Mr A O'Keefe, Mr W H Holliday, Mr John F M'Namara, Dublin; Mr P Riordan, B.A.; Mr M Cuddy, Mr John O'Donnell, T.C.; Mr M M'Donnell, T.C.; Mr P M'Donnell, T.C.; Mr R Gleeson, T.C.; Mr M Spain, T.C.; Mr James Frost, J.P.; Mr J Dundon, solicitor; Mr S Hastings, solicitor; Mr James Bodkin, Mr Martin Maguire, Mr E Ray, Mr Edward M'Cartie, Mr B Laffan, Killoan.

THE AMERICAN CRISIS.

In the Senate of Washington yesterday an amendment to the proposed Tariff Bill was submitted and referred to the Finance Committee. A debate took place, which was adjourned till Monday, on a resolution regarding the proposed bond bills. In the course of the debate the President was severely criticized. It is stated that the proposals of the Legislature on this subject are far from satisfactory to him. In the House of Representatives a resolution was carried by a party vote of 195 to 101 to discuss the bond bill till 10 o'clock last night, and to close the discussion at three o'clock to-day. The "Temps" of Paris, referring to President Cleveland's financial message, says the protectionism advocated and carried out in Europe is founded on a widespread misconception of the conditions of modern economic life. While nations on the Continent of Europe protect themselves in detail against each other, what is really needed is an organization to protect Europe as a whole against her great and powerful rival on the other side of the Atlantic. It is reported by the St Petersburg correspondent of a Berlin paper that the United States Government recently sounded the Russian Cabinet on the question of the attitude of Russia towards the Anglo-American dispute, and that the Russian Government, in reply, declared that they shared the view of President Cleveland regarding the Monroe doctrine, and would support it, at least, by diplomatic means.

DANGER OF EXTINCTION OF BIG GAME.

Here is a problem which will force itself before long on the consideration of authority. Must we stand indifferently aside and witness the ever-increasing rapidity with which the interesting if not always inoffensive fauna of the South African wilds are being reduced to extinction; and is it possible, if we would, to preserve a proportion of the game sufficient to satisfy the appetite of the hunter without restricting a quickly advancing civilisation? Between the lion or the leopard and man there is no possibility of arriving at a *modus vivendi*. The bush-pig's existence is destructive to cultivation, and other game are detrimental to growing crops. Then, if the destruction of game proceeds faster than the extension of cultivation, what in the meantime becomes of that part of the native population which still depends to a considerable extent upon hunting for its food? It would be no easy matter to devise a code of game laws that would embrace all interests and be efficacious.—From "The Big Game of South Africa," in *Blackwood's Magazine* for January, 1896.

NEW DEPUTY LORD LIEUTENANTS.

Sir Francis E W Macnaghten, Lord Lieutenant of the County Antrim, has, with the approval of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, appointed the following Deputy Lord Lieutenants for the county:—Victor Coates, Esq., of Rathmore, Dunmurry, in the place of Walter Trevor Stannus, Esq., LL.D., D.L., Manor House, Lisburn, deceased; Lieutenant General T H Pakenham, of Langford Lodge, Crumlin; and Colonel John Joshua Rowan, of Mount Davys, Cullybaakey. Desmond Fitzjohn Fitzgerald, Knight of Glin, Glin Castle, Glin, in the County of Limerick, has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Limerick, his commission bearing date the 2nd day of September, 1895.

Major-General Thaddeus R Ryan, of Scarteen Knocklong, in the County of Limerick, has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Limerick, his commission bearing date the 21st day of September 1895.

ICE FATALITY.

While a number of lads were sliding on a sheet of ice on the Edge of the Green, Goolbourne, yesterday, five of them were thrown into the water. One got out and ran for assistance, while another held on to the ice, and was eventually saved. The other three, two of them brothers, named Heald, and the other named Threltal, were drowned.

The Earl of Leicester's shooting party of eight guns at Holkham Hall killed 2,289 partridge in the course of one day's driving.

Louise, Duchess of Fife, and the Duke of Fife arrived at Sandringham on Tuesday from London, and have joined the Prince and Princess of Wales and family for the Christmas holidays.

A quantity of wreckage has been washed ashore at Youghal, including a life buoy, with the name Eagleton, of Chester. It is supposed that a vessel struck the bar and became a total wreck. The fate of the crew is unknown.

From December 1st to 7th seventy-four fresh cases of cholera and forty deaths occurred in the province of Volhynia, and from the 14th to the 21st ninety-seven cases and thirty-six deaths were recorded in the city of St Petersburg.