

fairs transferred to the Fair Green, and the Grand Jury are equally unanimous on the subject. At the recent Assizes the question was discussed at some length, and it would appear that the chief obstacle in the way is a matter of authority. Lord Leconfield is willing to give all the assistance in his power, but it is claimed that the Town Commissioners are the people who must take the initiative. They, in turn, say they have no authority to remove the fairs and that they are so advised by the Local Government Board. They so decided three years ago, when a majority of the Commissioners passed a resolution declining to interfere with the sale of horses on the streets. On that occasion an amendment had been proposed directing the attention of the constabulary to their powers under the Public Health Act, and now a notice of motion to rescind the resolution just referred to has been handed in for discussion at the next meeting of the municipal body. This, at all events, brings matters to a head, and it is to be hoped that the Commissioners will find themselves in a position to conform to the legal requirements, whatever they may be, and transfer the fairs to the place which has been specially provided for them. There the requirements of buyers and sellers will be fully satisfied, and the townspeople will not henceforward be subjected, as they are now, to the annoyance, if not danger, of piloting their way through a dense collection of spirited long-tails or sly heifers and bullocks, which are also unpleasant to come in close quarters with. It is rather degrading to an important town like Ennis to bring it thus on a level with an ordinary country village; and taking all the points into consideration, we fail to see what objection there can be to a transference of the fairs to the Green. It is said that the publicans and boarding-houses will suffer, but it is hard to see how this could be. People will need refreshment on their return from the invigorating air of the Green, just as much as if they had remained on the streets, and as they have no place but Ennis to spend their money, it is difficult to realise how any trader can suffer by their temporary absence from town. Assuming even that some interest would suffer by the change, it must be remembered that reforms are undertaken for the public good. In this case it is not denied that the fairs would be benefited by the change and the town relieved of what must be described as a perfect eye-sore, and therefore to an ordinary observer there seems to be no valid reason, bar

the same purpose. Any of the above sent to the Cathedral will be received with thanks.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.—The Rev John Scanlan, C C, Kiltrush, has been appointed Parish Priest of Clonlara, and his promotion has been heard of with much pleasure by his parishioners in the Capital of West Clare. Rev P Hogan, C C, Toomavarra, replaces Father Scanlan at Kiltrush. Father Sheehan is the new Parish Priest of Kilkee, in room of the late Father Quinlivan.

DEATHS OF CENTENARIANS.—A woman named Stapleton, residing in Carey's Road, has died at the extraordinary age of 102 years, and up to a few days of her demise had been in good health and in full enjoyment of her faculties. At Doneygall, Co Tipperary, a man named Kennedy has died at the supposed age of 105 years. He also enjoyed good health almost up to the time of his death.

GLASNEVIN DAIRY SCHOOL COMPETITIONS.—Local competitors acquitted themselves very satisfactorily at the examination held at the close of the Dairy Session at Glasnevin School. In the junior division (butter-making) Miss Johanna Ahern, of Dromada, Athea, and Miss May Neville, Moig, Shanagolden, were amongst those who took second place. Mrs T Mulqueen, Ashfort, Patrickswell, took third place, and takes first rank in the order of merit. Miss J Noonan, of Do.n, appears in fourth rank. In the order of merit, senior division, Miss Margaret Cullinan, Monmore, Kiltrush, took tenth place.

DEATH OF A CUSTOMS OFFICER.—We regret to announce the death of Mr James Fitz. J. Barry, H M Customs, Limerick, which took place at his residence, Rose Cottage, Ballinacurra, on Sunday evening. The deceased gentleman had been ailing for some time, and his death at the early age of 37 years is much regretted. He was a most courteous officer, and made for himself many friends during his stay in Limerick, now extending over some years. Deep sympathy is expressed with his widow in her affliction. The remains, which were accompanied to the terminus by the deceased's colleagues and many other friends, were conveyed to Cork this morning for interment at Danmanway.

DISPUTE OVER A GRAVE.—At Kilfinane Petty Sessions on Saturday, before Mr J M Dickson, R M (in the chair), and Mr W R Gubbins, Wm Hennessy charged John Walsh with having, on the 3rd inst, at Kilfinane Grave Yard, unlawfully buried a corpse in the private grave of complainant's wife, without having first obtained his or her consent. It appeared from the evidence that there was a row over the open grave, and that the complainant did his utmost to prevent Walsh burying a child in the grave, which contained the remains of Hennessy's mother-in-law. Walsh claimed to have as good a right to the plot as complainant, and as the contrary could not be proved the case was dismissed. The case caused a good deal of local interest.

ROYAL MUNSTER FUSILIERS.
Lieutenant and Quartermaster Campbell, 5th Batt Royal Munster Fusiliers, has on attaining the age of 55 been placed on the retired list. Mr Campbell is a veteran soldier of nearly 25 years' experience. He enlisted in 1860, and eventually attained the rank of Quartermaster-Sergeant in the Royal Munster Fusiliers. He has been

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