

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.—As the examinations for the triple qualification—the Royal College of Physicians, Royal College of Surgeons of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons—the following, amongst others, were successful. First examination—years course.—James Charles, Co Limerick. Second Ex.—John, County Limerick; Daniel, Limerick City. Final Ex.—Limerick.

REGATIONAL CHURCH,

CATHERINE PLACE.

Rev D Tilsley.—Subjects for display, February 3rd—Morning, 11.30, "The Power," to be followed by Holy Communion, 6.30. "A Trust and a Task" Thursday evening 8 o'clock. Subject—Epistle to the Romans."

R. J. B. IRWIN, R.M.

That Mr J B Irwin, R M, is about to be read from Limerick to County Limerick. Mr Irwin has been stationed here for the time usually allotted to Resident Magistrate in any particular district, as he has been connected with this county for many years, when he succeeded Mr F J L, who proceeded to Belfast, and retired from the service. The public highly regret the departure of Mr Irwin, whose courteous and painstaking magisterial decisions gave general satisfaction. On important occasions he gave proof of his ability which applied to the cases before him from time to time. He was frequently complimented by the public on his clear judgment and legal decisions. We venture to think that a *procurator* so far as his decisions are concerned, has been conspicuous for his "well read" law. He has uniformly upheld the criminal law, it being that he always tempered justice with mercy and where he saw a possibility of doing so not slow to give the offender an opportunity of amending. Mr Irwin's departure from the county, where he is so highly respected, will be much regretted by all who carry with him in his new position the best wishes of many friends. He succeeded here by Mr E F Hickson, who was appointed at Enniskillen, who as a Magistrate of Constabulary was stationed there some years since.

PROPERTY RATE COLLECTORSHIP.

The meeting of the whole house of the Corporation yesterday for the purpose of discussing the new rate collector appointed. The Mayor presided, and there was a very full attendance of members. The meeting was of a very protracted character. The result of the meeting was that it was agreed to bring to the special meeting of the Town Council, to be held on Monday next, recommendations for the collection of the Improvement Rate, the Poor Rate, and Water Rate (the three hitherto quite a distinct collections) to be amalgamated, and that one collector be appointed at a poundage of all rates collected within the period of the year, and at the rate of four-

the Irishmen played a dashing game, and were within an ace of scoring on several occasions, but the English defence was too sound to be broken through. There was no further score, and the game ended in a win for England by two tries to one try.

The following were the teams:—

IRELAND—Full back, G R Symes (Monkstown); three-quarter backs, S Lee (North of Ireland), W Gardiner (North of Ireland), H Stevenson (Belfast Queen's College), J T Magee (Bective Rangers); half-backs, B B Tukey (Bective Rangers), L Magee (Bective Rangers); forwards, J H O'Connor (Bective Rangers), captain; C V Rooke (Monkstown), T Crean (Wanderers), H Lindsay (Armagh), A D Clinch (Wanderers), G M'Coul (Albion), T J Johnstone (Belfast Queen's College), A A Brunner (Lansdowne).

ENGLAND—J F Byrne (Moseley), back; F A Leslie Jones (Oxford University), F H C Fegan (Blackheath), E M Baker (Oxford University), and W B Thompson (Blackheath), three-quarter backs; E H Cattell (Moseley), and E W Taylor (Northumberland), half-backs; S M J Woods (Somerset), F Mitchell (Cambridge University), E M Carey (Oxford University), W E Tucker (Cambridge University), H W Finlison (Blackheath), W E Bromet (Richmond), C Thomas (Devonshire), and F G Pool (Oxford University).

SUICIDE IN COUNTY LIMERICK.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Newcastle West, Friday.

Last night a very melancholy case of suicide occurred at Banogue, within about 2 miles of Shanagolden. A respectable young man of the farming class named Hurley was found suspended from the rafters of a barn house quite close to the dwelling house. It seemed he closed the door, fastened a horse's reins across one of the rafters, strapped his hands with the band of the horse's collar, and having mounted a barrel, which he kicked away, was there found suspended and life quite extinct. The sad occurrence has cast a gloom over the locality, where the young man, who was about 26 years of age, was much respected. Some short time ago, when returning from Rathkeale fair, the deceased got into a row in which he received some stabs with a penknife, from which he suffered for a time, but did not afterwards appear in any way affected by the injuries he then received. The greatest sympathy is expressed with his relatives in their affliction.

REPORTED OUTRAGE NEAR KILKISHEN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Ennis, Saturday.

A report has reached here that the house of a man named John Bourke, of Derrymore, near Kilkishen, was fired into on Wednesday evening about six o'clock, but without injury to the occupants. Bourke was at the time in his bedroom, through the window of which two shots, apparently fired from a revolver, were discharged. The window was uncurtained at the time, and consequently the miscreants had an uninterrupted view of the interior. Bourke at once ran to the door, but though he heard the rapidly receding footsteps of a man running from the house, he was unable to recognise anyone. The outrage is attributed to some personal spleen. Bourke, who is a small farmer, keeps also a small huxter shop, and some time ago his place was attacked, in consequence of which there were proceedings at petty sessions against several parties. The police are making an inquiry into the occurrence.

ALLEGED MALICIOUS BURNING OF HAY AT CRUSHEEN.

This week there were two burnings of hay, which

A letter was read from Mr F E Keane in reference to the claim of a man named Lynch, contractor for sinking of a well, requesting that the board should send a settlement of the claim, otherwise no settlement would be taken.

Mr O'Malley said the claim was one, and he would ask the board to refer the account to him, so that he could bring it at next meeting.

The board considered this was a course, and adopted the suggestion.

It was then agreed, on the suggestion of Mitchell, that the special business be gone into.

Mr James Gaffney, solr, said he was on behalf of a large number of labourers asked for permission to have the labourers admitted.

The Board granted the application similar one by Mr E N Ash, solr, who was on behalf of a body of labourers.

Mr M'Inerney asked Mr O'Malley for arrangements in connection with the scheme were complete.

Mr O'Malley—Everything necessary to the provisional order is complete. The valuation, and the arbitrator has the 16th of March for the purpose of valuation.

Mr M'Inerney said as regards the valuation before them, which numbered 40, he suggested that the entire number be adopted *in globo*, because it would be to go through all the representations day by day. If his suggestion were agreed matter would come before the Local Board Inspector, and each representation be investigated by him. He (Mr M'Inerney) would therefore propose that the representation be adopted *in globo*.

Mr Clancey seconded the proposition.

Lord Clarina pointed out that they were to a shilling in the £, and if they were to adopt the representation *in globo*, they would have a rate of 10s. That would be simply a surcharge. He considered the best course was to ascertain how many cottages have to be valued in each electoral division, and then to have a sufficient number of cottages to make a valuation.

Mr Lane considered that the number of cottages erected should be according to the valuation of the district. The valuation of the Ballyvaughan, which he represented, was over £8,000. The number of cottages built should be in proportion with the valuation of each district.

Mr M'Inerney said there was a large number of duplicates in the representations, and he suggested that the number of correct representations did not exceed 300. There were many reasons why the representations should be adopted *in globo*. In the first place they could possibly get through them all in one day. The Local Government Inspector could see the whole thing would be gone into.

Lord Clarina—You must take into consideration the arrears which are due. They are now due, and if that is calculated in addition to 49 cottages which paid no rates. This would all have to be borne by the ratepayers.

Mr M'Inerney—But these arrears exist in three months time.

Lord Clarina—I think the arrears are worse, instead of better.

Mr M'Inerney complained of the delay in carrying out the scheme, and it should be pointed out that it was not caused through any fault of his. It was due to the red-tapeism of the Local Government Board, and the obstruction of the landlords, and also he regretted to