

THE NEW HOTEL AT LAHINCH—Last month the prospectus of "The Lahinch Golf Links Hotel," Company, was issued, the project being to erect a hotel at that rising seaside resort for the convenience of golfers and visitors generally. The capital has now been subscribed, and a complete timber hotel will be purchased in Norway. It will be landed in Clare, and placed in position during the coming season, and we have no doubt will do a great deal to increase the number of visitors to Lahinch and the far-famed Cliffs of Moher.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

The National Festival was observed in Limerick in the customary fashion. The three-foil was most generally in evidence during the day, and it was satisfactory to notice that while the occasion was duly honored in that respect, there was not the corresponding drawback, which we are told existed in olden times, of "drowning the shamrock" to an unlimited extent. Indeed very few cases of intoxication were noticeable. It was about the first spring-day we were favoured with, warm sunshine prevailing, and the country looked very fresh, and with all the indications of the "budding season." Very many of the citizens proceeded to Castleconnell and Killaloe, to which places the Waterford and Limerick Railway ran an excursion. The usual religious services appertaining to the occasion were held in the various city churches. Canon Dann, who preached in St. Mary's Cathedral in the afternoon, delivered a learned and very instructive discourse on the life of St. Patrick. A special ceremonial was held in St. Patrick's R.C. Church, Clare-street, at which the Mayor, High Sheriff, and members of the Corporation attended officially. The sermon, a very eloquent one, was preached by the Very Rev. A. Murphy. A very large number of men of the Royal Irish Regiment, each wearing a sprig of shamrock, attended Mass in St. John's Cathedral, and were complimented by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer on the excellent character they are maintaining in the city.

LIMERICK STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Another new steamer is about to be added to the fleet of this enterprising company, which is leaving nothing undone to meet the requirements of the trading public. The vessel has just been built at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and will make her trial trip to-morrow. She is appropriately named the "Kincora," the royal residence of Brian Boru at Killaloe. The new steamer involved an expenditure of between £25,000 and £30,000 in her construction. The vessel is 230ft. in length, and, with a cargo of between 1,000 and 1,200 tons, will be capable of accomplishing 12 knots per hour, a speed in excess of vessels of her class. She is fitted up with the most modern appliances for the rapid discharge of cargo, and in addition to her goods and cargo accommodation, special provision is made for the conveyance of live stock, the vessel being spar-decked for the purpose of affording shelter to the cattle, this being a new feature in steamers trading between Limerick and Liverpool. The "Kincora" will run alternate weeks with the ss. "Ardnamult," thus establishing a weekly service between Limerick and Liverpool, and supplying a want which traders have long felt. It is expected that the new service will commence early in April.

THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY.

every way for its welfare. There was not a single department in the congregation in which there had not been an improvement since Mr Semple came, and there was now a trained band of Christian workers. Mr Semple would carry with him their best wishes that his residence in Limerick would be blessed and happy. The Moderator, after the approval of the motion, also bore testimony to Mr Semple's high scholarly attainments, unblemished character, and ministerial work. Before entering the ministry Mr Semple had a most distinguished career. Educated at the Royal Academical Institution, Belfast, he passed to the Queen's College. He was first mathematical scholar and also a classical scholar in that college from 1877 to 1880, graduating in the Queen's University. In St. John's College, Cambridge, he held a minor scholarship from 1880 to 1882, and a foundation scholarship from 1882 to 1887—both in mathematics. He graduated in 1883 as twenty-first wrangler in the mathematical tripos, and in 1884 he was elected to a Naden divinity studentship in St. John's College. In 1885 he obtained honors in the theological tripos, and in 1887 graduated M.A. After an interval, during which he held an English tutorship, he finished his theological course, taking one session (instead of the usual three) at the Presbyterian College, London, under Principal Dykes. He was then licensed by the Presbytery of London (North), and was immediately appointed in 1890 assistant to Rev. John Watson, M.A. ("Ian MacLaren"), of Sefton Park Church, Liverpool. A year afterwards he came to Downpatrick, where he has ministered with great acceptance until now.

THE LATE MR. MACADAM.

At the Castleconnell Petty Sessions yesterday, before Lord Massy, Mr Hickson, R.M.; Mr W.F. O'Grady, and Mr W.G. Gubbins, the following resolution was proposed by Lord Massy and seconded by Mr Gubbins and carried unanimously:—"That as this is our first meeting at the Castleconnell Petty Sessions since the demise of Mr S. MacAdam, we desire to express our deep regret at his very sad and untimely removal as Clerk of these Sessions, and to place on record our appreciation of the faithful and zealous manner in which he held the office. We beg to convey to Mrs MacAdam and to his family in their great affliction our deep sympathy, and that as a mark of respect to his memory we adjourn the Court."

Messrs Kenny and Counihan, solicitors, and Mr Hetreed, D.I., on behalf of the police, spoke in eulogistic terms of the great ability and unassuming manner of Mr MacAdam.

The Court then adjourned.

"BOOK OF IRISH VERSE."

A young writer who is rapidly stepping into the front rank is Mr W.B. Yeats, the latest of whose works is the "Book of Irish Verse," selected from modern writers, and just published by Messrs Methuen and Co. It is dedicated to the members of the National Literary Society of Dublin and the National Literary Society of London, and it will, writes a contemporary, "be welcomed by all Irishmen and everywhere by fair-minded critics as a signal, though partial, evidence of the triumphs of the Celtic imagination. There are the thrilling poems of Moore, Clarence Mangan, Lacy Dufferin, Ferguson, Aubrey de Vere, Callanan, D'Arcy M'Gee, Davis, and many others, full of that spontaneous fancy and beauty of expression which belong to the art of poetry, and which ever will be recognised so long as an unprejudiced reader preserves the capacity to think and feel. There are contained in these verses lyrics of the brightest sparkle and

his sureties was a man and could the costs not be met. Mr Dundon said the matter was not likely until the completion of the work they had nothing to be brought by Mr McNamara.

After some further discussion the Council decided to have the matter brought before the

FIRE BRIGADE.

The same members of the Council received an application from Mr F. J. O'Connell, while acting in place of Mr M'Connell, the latter was unable to attend.

Mr M'Connell considered the application a fair remuneration.

Mr Donnellan—Oh, yes. It was finally decided by the Council to allow £10.

SUPPLEMENT.

A discussion arose with regard to the necessity of publishing the articles consisting of the

Mr Donnellan said he would like to see the articles be entered into, and that they should be issued for the various months.

Mr M'Connell—I understand that William Street, has been for a number of years, and are reasonable I think will continue.

Mr Donnellan—It is that every article should be published.

The Chairman—I think that to that effect on the subject acted upon.

Mr Donnellan—I propose to enter into.

The Chairman—Will Mr Anglin—I would like to see a member of the

Mr M'Connell proposes that there should be no contract.

Mr Gilligan—I second to get the best article

buy it. You never get you have to advertise, tries to make the most

Mr Donnellan—That that every article is to

will carry out that law

Mr Gilligan—I would Mr Riordan if we could

where.

On a division, Mr Donnellan carried by a majority of that tenders should be

CLERK.

The Mayor presided members present at Alderman Riordan, Mr

Mr J.P. Gaffney attended With regard to the

surgeon to the Corporation

Mr Donnellan was

ple of advertising.

Alderman Riordan made on the same day

who was formally re-elected did not see why they

that system.

Mr Gilligan and Mr Dr. Coll, who attended

became vacant in February treated several animals with the work done within year's salary, £15, so the salary he sought for

The Mayor—The same Mr Donnellan said in which Dr. Coll n