for admission no one with the smallest music should fail to support such an under-, and we can only hope that once the idea ted it will be carried into effect as soon as e. Of course, as we have said, it rests e public to say whether we shall have the age of these pleasant gatherings, or er another season is to be allowed to pass t them.

"GARRYOWEN."

day brings with it the promise of addi- attractions at "Garryowen Fair." Amongst will be a grand competition for dressed r which money prizes amounting to £10, given, the first prize being £1, second rd 10s, and fourth 5s. The classes are for rides, (2) Babies (3) Nationalities, to in- historical dress of any period, male or fe- (4) Variety, to include the much-criticised Woman," modern costume, skirt dancing, he conditions of the competition have rinted in coupon form, and it will be ob- that all information may be obtained from Lady's Barrington, of Ashroe, Newport, n all dolls, carefully packed, and bearing me and address of the sender, should be or before the 25th May, carriage paid. trance fee is one shilling, but there is no dolls sent in merely for exhibition, and petition.

Houghton thankfully acknowledges the g donations for Hospital Stall:—Mr Dowling, a silver plated tea-pot; Miss y, photo album; Miss Hall, photo frames; r Mulcahy, afternoon tea table uel Alexander, 10s; A Friend, 10s; Mr bedroom slippers; Messrs Laird, sick quisites; Henry Newsome, a ready lamp.

LUNATIC ESCAPES.

her lunatic, named O'Brien, escaped from Workhouse on Sunday morning while the s were at Mass. O'Brien is about thirty- years of age, and has been in the lunatic or about three years. His identity had given to the police, and as he took the ouse clothing with him a warrant was day issued for his arrest for absconding he Workhouse, and taking articles of g with him. He has been re-captured at llas by Sergeant M'Carthy, and handed the Workhouse officials. About a month a Sunday morning, while the patients ao at Mass, another inmate belonging to atic ward effected his escape, and has not n re-captured.

RUSH HORSE AND CATTLE SHOW.

preliminary meeting of the Horse and Show Committee, held in the Town Hall, h, it was decided unanimously to hold the early in August. Mr Luke O'Brien was ppointed hon secretary, and Mr William sy, assistant secretary, and the old com- under the chairmanship of Mr John C y, C T C, was re-elected. A balance of vith a silver challenge cup remains on since the last show. It was considered atisfactory, and the subscription list is now thrown open. Judging by the great suc- the initial effort last year, the forthcoming ight this year be even more successful.

RACE MEETING IN KILRUSH.

Fort is being made with every prospect of to revive the some years defunct two-day eting in Kilrush. The matter is at pre- the hands of Colonel Lloyd, J P, Mr , C T C, and other gentlemen, and the nary arrangements have been made by A large debt is due since the last meeting the recognised rules of racing was held, will be cleared off at an early date as gentlemen in the districts adjoining the ave promised large subscriptions for this , as well as for the forthcoming fixture. nspeople, who are of course interested in ter from a business point of view, will co- nd subscribe towards the funds.

tatich was given by Mr Palmer. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

DEATHS OF REVS. S. A. ROBERTSON AND J. CHAMBERS.

We deeply regret to record the deaths of the Rev Samuel A Robertson and Rev John Chambers, of the Methodist Church, who were well known to Limerick people, the first-named clergyman especially. Mr Robertson was a most energetic and estimable minister, and began his work in the Sacred Ministry in 1870 on the Ballyshannon circuit. Subsequently he laboured in Tandragee, Bandon, Wexford, Tullamore, Larne, Falls Road (Belfast), Tralee, Limerick, and Waterford. For some twelve months back his health has been very critical, and his death took place on Sunday at 6 Garville Road, Rathgar. Some four years ago the rev gentleman was located in this city, where he was highly popular amongst a wide circle of friends, who deeply regret his premature demise.

The Rev John Chambers, who has been ministering in Adare since July last, died on Sunday last at the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, after a long illness. He was quite a young man, having entered the ministry in 1886, when he was appointed to Newry, and subsequently laboured in Coleraine, Maryboro', Youghal, and Clifden. At the last conference he was appointed to the Adare and Rathkeale circuit, where he was held in the highest esteem and regard. He was a clergyman of much promise, and his demise is deeply regretted by his brother ministers, and by the people of each district in which he laboured. The interment took place at Mount Jerome this morning.

DEATH OF THE MATRON OF THE COUNTY INFIRMARY.

We regret to record the demise, which took place on Sunday night, of Miss Sandes, matron of the County Infirmary. The deceased lady had been in a delicate state of health for the past year and a half, and has passed away, deeply regretted by the medical and nursing staffs of the institution, and also by a large circle of friends, who recognised the skilful and loving care she bestowed on the patients, as well as her kind and cheerful manner, which had such an appreciable effect in soothing their sufferings. With Dr Gelston—who, we are glad to say, is in the enjoyment of hale and vigorous health—she was one of the few remaining links connecting the past and present history of the institution. One of these, Mr Robert Hunt, J P, who had been Treasurer for many years, and took the liveliest interest in the welfare of the infirmary, has lately passed away, and now we record the death of a lady who has been closely identified with the hospital for no less a period than fifty years. This, we believe, is exactly the time that the infirmary has also had the advantage of Dr Gelston's services, and the extent of the work which came under their supervision may be gathered from the fact that at one time no less than an average number of 100 daily patients were under treatment. Throughout her long connection with the infirmary, Miss Sandes was looked on as an invaluable officer, and she has had the pleasure of seeing the work of this beneficent institution carried on with renewed vigor, so much so that at the present moment the infirmary is thoroughly up-to-date, and the number of patients admitted thereto has during the past two years very materially increased. Some six or eight months ago Sister Frances Mayn, who had been a head nurse in the Infirmary, was appointed matron, and is worthily following in the footsteps of the lady who, after an unusually long and active life, has just passed away to her reward. The remains were removed at 11 o'clock this morning from the Infirmary for interment at Mount St Lawrence Cemetery. Amongst those present were—Fr Gately (S J), Fr Hanly, Fr Lee (Adm)' Fr Murphy (C C), Dr Gelston, Dr T Gelston, Dr F Kennedy, Dr Lee (apothecary), Mr Wm L Hunt (treasurer), and Mr J W Elliott (secretary), and several of the general public.

FORTNIGHTLY CATTLE SALES AT M'CARTHY'S REPOSITORY, LIMERICK.—Messrs Ebrill Bros, will hold their closing sale for the season on Satur-

British Postmaster-General, but at Limerick or Ennis the sorters placed in the basket with it a vessel containing Condy's Fluid, this vessel being so insecurely fastened that the fluid escaped and ruined the lace in your daughters' parcel. On your applying for compensation you are coolly informed after an interval of six weeks (possibly devoted to wrestling with the official conscience) that there is no provision for compensation in the case of parcels passing between Canada and the United Kingdom, and that not a farthing of compensation will be paid!

It is remarkable, in the first place, that the Post Office pays compensation for injury to parcels from 25 British dependencies (including Newfoundland) and 46 foreign countries, but not in the case of parcels from Australia (except S. Australia), Canada, or the Cape. There can be no reason whatever for such distinctions. The injury is done by British officials, on British territory, and the sufferers are residents in the United Kingdom; and the obligation to make good damage so occasioned rests on the fundamental principles of English common law, and has nothing to do with international conventions.

It is also clear that the department was guilty of negilgence. It requires parcels to be secured so as to protect other postal packets from being damaged, and this regulation is carried out by the inspection of parcels handed in. Here no such inspection could have taken place. Condy's Fluid greatly diluted is useful as a disinfectant, but it was never intended to be used indiscriminately as a dyeing agent; yet if you had ordered a codfish from St John's, or some margarine from Rouen, you would have been compensated if the powerful chemical in question had affected their flavour and appearance, while the beautiful lace fabrics despatched from Toronto or Ottawa are burnt or stained out of recognition, without a word of apology or a farthing of compensation.

I will certainly do what I can to obtain justice in this matter. But while the officials have the power of drawing up regulations based on their peculiar standard of equity, little can be done by way of remonstrance. I have therefore given notice of a motion transferring this much abused power to an independent consultative committee.

I am, dear sir, faithfully yours,

J. HENNIKER-HEATON.

Samuel Ball, Esq, Glendine, Miltown Malbay.

In the House of Commons last night,

In reply to Mr Henniker Heaton, who referred to the spoiling of valuable lace received from Canada by a lady at Miltown Malbay owing to the placing in the post-basket by a postal employee of an insecurely fastened bottle of Condy's Fluid,

Mr A Morley said that technically the Post Office was not liable, inasmuch as the Canadian Government had not entered into an arrangement with this country for paying compensation in such cases, but he would have inquiry made, and should it prove beyond all question that the packet was damaged in this country, and through default on the part of the Post Office, the question of compensating the addressee should be entertained.

A MISER AND HIS HOARD.

A strong exemplification of the greed for gold is furnished in the circumstances attending the death of a man named Michael Johnson, within the last few days, in Ennis. Johnson, who was a man of close upon 80 years of age, and was said to have been at one time a servant or clerk to the late Judge Keogh, lived with a sister, also well advanced in years, in Corkaly Lane. He was always looked upon as in poor circumstances. The sister died some short time since, but Johnson continued to occupy the house as of old, with an old couple as lodgers. Finding himself getting weaker, he sent for a respectable neighbour, who then found that the old man had close upon a hundred pounds lodged in one of the local banks, which he was desirous of withdrawing. The bank officials were communicated with and the money, amounting to £95 7s 10d was handed to Johnson, who still lived on in the same miserable way as of old. He died last week, and preparations were made for the interment. A search of the rooms was made by some of the people around, with a view of finding whether he had any means, but nothing was found. Hearing this the noisy