

and he was particularly amusing. I wonder what Grandmother would say of the verses he asks what his Grandmother would say if she had met a young yoke. A duet by Miss Hackett and "Come o'er the Sea" deserves C W Wilson, Dublin, conducted the much ability, his accompaniments could be wished for.

POST OFFICE AND THE CHRISTMAS TRAFFIC.

Mr. Keffe, M.P., received the following lay from the Postmaster-General:—

7th April, 1896.

O'KEEFE—I have caused inquiry into the subject of your question in relation to the Christmas arrangements at Limerick and I find that the arrangements made are under extreme pressure which prevails at Limerick. There is no doubt in some respects in-

partly owing to the unprecedented correspondence which had to be dealt with, partly to a misapprehension on the part of the local authorities of the instructions received from the Postmaster-General.

I regret the inconvenience occasioned to the public at Limerick, and care will be taken to make more complete arrangements for the next Christmas season.

I regret to find that the postmen, who, I regret to find, were the cause of mistaken arrangements, were kept on duty until a late hour in the evening. I have directed that they shall receive the usual pay for their prolonged attendance, and the usual extra pay for Christmas duty.

Believe me, yours very truly,

NORFOLK.

Keffe, Esq., M.P.,
Dunraven, Limerick.

PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY.

A monthly meeting of the Committee of the Society was held on Tuesday, 7th inst.—The Rev. Dean of Limerick, Chairman.

MEMORIALS.

Two memorial letters were admitted, and a Memorial Book was read for first time.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

A report was read of a receipt of £100, Bequest from the late Mrs. O'Connell. A report from the Female Training School, and the Location Report for the quarter came before Committee. A Resolution was unanimously passed. The Committee have heard, with interest, of the death of Mrs. Dyas, who was in the Female Orphan Training School for many years, and they desire to place on record their grateful sense of the value of her services, and the great care and attention bestowed on the girls who came under her instruction.

BROWN LEATHER BOOTS.—C. J. Brown, 10, Thomas street, is now showing his stock of the above. Splendid value for the money. Choice selection of fancy ties, scarfs, hats, and caps, &c. All leading shades in collars, cuffs, and waistcoats. "Special orders" for fancy shirts, waistcoats, suits, &c., executed from 7 to 10 days. Patterns to select from: guaranteed.

Theatre Royal by the Rev W J Mulcahy, P.P., Croagh, in aid of the Boys' Orphanage and Industrial Schools. The Mayor presided, and in a few appropriate remarks introduced the lecturer. The subject was entitled "the Necessities of the Age," and in the course of his discourse the rev lecturer entered largely into the question of temperance. He referred to the use of intoxicating liquors in ancient times, and pointed out that in ancient Rome the indulgence in strong liquors by women was regarded as a capital offence. With regard to intemperance in this country, in former times, he said that the use of liquor was known to a certain extent, but its excessive use was unknown until the invasion of the British in this country, which showed that drunkenness was the vice of slavery. In the rebellion of '98 it was drink which brought disaster amongst the insurgents. The band of the Boys' Orphanage attended, and played some stirring airs before and after the lecture.

DEATH OF THE REV FATHER GUBBINS, KNOCKLONG.

We regret to announce the death of the Rev W Gubbins, which took place at Knocklong on Tuesday in his 84th year. The deceased spent the greater portion of his ministerial life in England, but for several years past he resided at his native place—Knocklong. The interment took place to-day at Roscrea.

COUNTY INFIRMARY.

A meeting of the Governors of the County Limerick Infirmary was held yesterday—Captain Croker, D.L., in the chair. Also present—Dr Gelston, Mr W L Hunt, and Mr Archibald Murray. The minutes of former meeting were confirmed. Accounts for quarter ended 31st March, 1896, amounting to £143 1s 11d, were presented for inspection, and a cheque was drawn for amount. An order was made for the sale of £200 Preference Stock of the W L & W Railway, to meet the expense incurred by the recent improvements. Arrangements were made for repairs to the lodges and out buildings, which were necessary. The number of patients shows a steady increase, the total to 1st April being nearly double of that in corresponding period last year.

GARRYOWEN FOOTBALL CLUB.

We understand that medals will shortly be presented to the Garryowen team, whose brilliant victories during the past season have induced their numerous admirers to mark the forthcoming presentation as a small expression of their esteem.

FIRE IN THE CITY.

About three o'clock yesterday morning, the back premises of Mr John O'Brien, 33 Upper William street were discovered to be on fire. The alarm was immediately conveyed by Night-watchman Cooney to the Fire Brigade, and Captain Wyld and his staff were promptly in attendance. The fire was confined to the stables, from which a horse was rescued, the animal having been burned to that extent that it is feared it must be destroyed. The brigade worked vigorously, and with plenty of water the fire was soon extinguished. The burning, it is stated, was caused by a lighted candle having been left in the stable, and there is no insurance on the premises to cover the damage.

The court then adjourned.

DEATH FROM HYDROPHOBIA LIMERICK.

This morning Mary Kennan, Barrington's Hospital from the having been bitten by a dog, it was supposed was suffering from hydrophobia. The woman, who was about six feet high and resided in Fish lane, was attacked on the night of the 14th January. She was in bed, and her screams attracted the attention of some neighbours, who called for assistance and destroyed the animal. The woman was bitten on both arms and one leg. On Sunday last she was admitted to Barrington's Hospital suffering from hydrophobia. The symptoms which developed were those of the disease. Dr Haran, medical officer, came to see her, and found that the case was one of hydrophobia. The woman being feeble did not long survive. She was suffering, and died on Tuesday. The medical officer pronounced the case to be hydrophobia. The Coroner was satisfied with the evidence, but under the circumstances considered it necessary to hold an inquest.

A RABID DONKEY.

Yesterday morning a donkey, suffering from rabies, was destroyed. The animal was grazing in a field, and was attacked by some cows, which were attacked by the donkey. A woman named McMahon had a narrow escape of being bitten. The donkey was not more seriously injured. The police were at once informed of the matter, and on Acting Sergeant Constance proceeding to the field, he found the donkey in a furious state, its tongue swollen and protruding, and its fore legs injured as if the animal had been kicked by itself. It was considered advisable to shoot the donkey, and Constable Smith used a revolver. The matter was referred to Mr Riordan, Inspector of the Local Board, who, under the Contagious Diseases Act, caused a mortem examination of the animal, which pronounced the animal had suffered from rabies.

COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS.—The Petty Sessions were held to-day, the Magistrate being Mr E F Hickson, and Mr F O'Grady. A man named Lauder was fined for cutting at the suit of Mr George McMahon, passing on an evicted farm at Limerick, was fined 5s. James McMahon, for allowing dogs in his possession to be at large, was fined 6d and costs. Mr Hickson cautioned the defendant against allowing dogs to go at large in face of the numerous cases of rabies occurring. The other cases were adjourned.

A telegram from Salisbury, Cape Argus, states that Mr Cecil Hickson has returned from there.

Dungarvan Town Commission closed the butter market of the year, after a disagreement with Mr Usher, the butter taster, who had offered to refer the matter to the arbitration of the parties. The profits of the market have hitherto been in the hands of the producers, but last year in the trade brought the returns to the management. Monday opened a new butter market largely attended.