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THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 23, 1896

HARDLY had intelligence of the successful conclusion of the Ashantee war been given to the public, when it was followed by the announcement of the death of a distinguished volunteer belonging to the expedition. It was known that Prince Henry of Battenberg had caught malarial fever on the way to Coomassie, but no one considered that it was serious. The first message, which was dated the 10th of January, said "Prince Henry has had a slight attack of fever, and has gone back to the base." Five days later it was stated that he had passed a restless night, but his temperature was then lower. A telegram, dated the 17th, whilst announcing the departure of the Prince for Madeira, added that though weak, there were no grave symptoms. Yesterday morning the sad intelligence came that the Prince had a relapse on Monday whilst on the way from Cape Coast Castle to Madeira, and died the same evening at nine o'clock. The vessel put into port, and then the melancholy news was telegraphed home, and reached the Queen yesterday morning, who communicated the mournful tidings to Princess Beatrice. The message has been received everywhere with regret for the death of a prince who had won the respect of his adopted country, and with the most sincere sympathy with the Queen, the Princess Beatrice, and the Royal Family. A heavy blow has fallen upon the Queen, in addition to the trouble and anxieties of the past few weeks. The expressions of regret and sorrow are universal. The Prince was very popular with all classes. He possessed engaging manners, and was conspicuous for his manly beauty. When he took the sudden determination to take part in the Ashantee Expedition as a volunteer, it was evident he intended to identify himself with the British Army and the country of his adoption. He preferred an active life, with all the inconveniences and dangers attending an expedition into an uncivilised portion of Africa, to the ease and splendour of a royal palace. The Dark Continent has not been favourable to princes. We know of another royal volunteer, upon whom the hopes of an empire rested, who perished there by the hand of a native. Another has succumbed in the prime of life to the no less deadly climate. Prince Henry was in his 38th year, and was born in 1858. He had two brothers elder than himself, one of whom, Prince Louis, is a captain in the Royal Navy, and the late Prince Alexander, who occupied the throne of Bulgaria from 1879 to 1886. They were the sons of Prince Alexander of Hesse, by the Countess of Hawke, to whom he was morganatically married, and who was created Princess of Battenberg. In 1885 Prince Henry married the Princess Beatrice, youngest daughter of our Queen. There are four children of the marriage, three boys and one girl. The Prince and Princess usually resided with the Queen, and do not appear to have a separate establishment of their own. The loss, therefore, will fall with extreme severity not only on the Princess Beatrice but upon the aged Queen, who seems fated to endure sorrow upon sorrow. In their bereavement both her Majesty and the Princess receive the heartfelt sympathy of the nation.

MR. WALCOTT, a Republican Senator, has delivered a remarkable speech in the debate on the Monroe Doctrine, which was loudly cheered, and which appeared to express the opinions of a good many other Senators. He thought the Monroe Doctrine was mis-applied in the present case, and that it was never intended the United States should insist on the Republican form of Government alone in that hemisphere. He considered Mr. Olney's letter to Mr. Bayard as almost incendiary, and that Mr. Cleveland's message glowed with possibilities of war. Instead of feeling enmity, Venezuela ought to be grateful to England, for without her aid the South American State might not now be free. For himself he hoped the boundary line to be formed would place the gold mines in the country of those who worked them, and that the English-speaking people who spent their capital there would not be exposed to the cupidity of the half-breeds of Venezuela, but under the protection of English law. He concluded as follows:—"When I read that France, Germany, and Russia were allied against Great Britain, and that the people of the British Isles, in defence of what they deem their rights, are marshalling armies and assembling navies, ready and undaunted to face the world in arms, unyielding and unafraid, I thank God I am of that race. Blood is thicker than water, and until a just quarrel divides us, which heaven forbid! may these two great nations of the same speech, lineage, and traditions stand as brothers shoulder to shoulder in the interests of humanity by a union-compelling peace." A speech of this kind, accompanied by the applause of the spectators and the congratulations of the orator's brother Senators, seems to point to the beginning at least of that re-action which is so sure, naturally, to follow a course marked by rashness and recklessness of future consequences.

Mr M J Furnell has been gazetted a second lieutenant of the 5th Batn Royal Munster Fusiliers.

Mr A. B. Tapping's Company, at present performing in Cork, will occupy the barbs of the Theatre Royal next week, when "Jim, the Penman," "The Idler," "Moths," and "The Importance of being Earnest" will be produced.

The moves of batteries Royal Artillery arranged for 1896-7 so far as this country is concerned are:—11th Field Battery, Clonmel to Limerick; 67th Field Battery, Limerick to Woolwich, via Glenbeigh; 58th Field Battery, Woolwich to Clonmel.

Major H P Hickman, Royal Artillery, has been selected to succeed Major F B Elmslie as First Assistant Superintendent of Experiments at the School of Gunnery, Shoeburyness, and will take up his duties on March 13. Major Hickman is now in command of a company of Garrison Artillery at Devonport.

TRALEE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.—At the meeting of the Tralee and Fenit Pier and Harbour Commissioners on Tuesday evening Mr Charles E Leahy was elected in the room of the late Mr Redmond by three votes to two given for Mr John Ahern, the acting secretary.

THE STATE OF KERRY.—The Quarter Sessions for the Division of Listowel were opened yesterday by Mr J J Shaw, Q C, County Court Judge. Mr M'Gillicuddy, S C P, informed his Honor that the calendar for the sessions was a blank. His Honor said a similiar announcement was made in Killarney, both of which spoke well for the peace and order of Kerry.

THE "LAMP."—This week's issue of the *Lamp*, which will be published to-morrow, will contain a special article on the Limerick Confraternity of the Holy Family attached to the Redemptorist Chapel in Limerick. The article will be illustrated with photos of Rev Father Bannon, C.SS.R, Rev Father Bridgett, C.SS.R, and Cardinal Deschamps, C.SS.R.

LITERARY CLASS, P.Y.M.A.—The opening meeting of the class for the second session will be held on Friday evening next at 8 o'clock, when the Rev T. F. Abbott, BA, will read a paper entitled "Borrowing Animals." As the Committee have prepared an interesting programme for the session, they trust that members will do all in their power to make the class a success.

CHITRAL HONOURS FOR A CLARENMAN.—We notice, amongst the officers on whom honours have been conferred for services in connection with the Chitral Relief Force, the name of Col Hindon Blood, C B, who has been gazetted a Knight Commander of the Bath. Col Blood is a County Clare gentleman, being a member of the Blood family, whose seat is at Cranaher, in that county.

BLACK WATCH REGIMENT.—Lieutenant A G Wauchope has been gazetted a Second Lieutenant of the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), of which Lieutenant Colonel A G Wauchope, C B, C M G, well known to many Limerick people, is in command. Lieutenant Colonel H Gunter (late Colonel in Queensland), who had been in charge when the corps first came to Limerick, is granted the substantive rank of Colonel in the Army.

PROPOSED ALTERATION IN THE COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS.—A movement is on foot amongst county magistrates to have the Petty Sessions for the Liberties held fortnightly instead of weekly as at present. Representation on the matter is to be made to the County Court Judge, and if the majority of the meeting is in favour of the change, it is likely to be made. This is a matter on which, no doubt, differences of opinion must exist, as it is questionable if the holding over of cases for a fortnight would not mean much inconvenience to suitors as well as to the police.

INSUBORDINATION IN THE WORKHOUSE.—At the County Petty Sessions to-day, a man named James Collins, was prosecuted at the suit of the Limerick Board of Guardians for insubordination by breaking out of his cell in the stone yard. James Ryan, labour master, gave evidence of the offence, and the Master of the Workhouse (Mr Dundon) stated that the accused was an incorrigible character. In his defence the prisoner said he did not mean to do any harm, and he added that he was unable to get anything to eat in the workhouse. He was sent to gaol for a month.

NEW MENU CARDS.—We have received some specimens of menu cards which the well-known and enterprising Liebig's Extract of Meat Company have presented to the various Atlantic lines, the P. and O. Steamship Co., the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company of Scotland, and other shipping concerns. These cards possess in an eminent degree the virtue of being useful as well as ornamental. They are printed on very superior glazed paper; on the top appears the vessel, its name, and the company to which she belongs, while below is a representation of the flag of the particular line in question. Such a real work of art should be appreciated both by travellers and the companies themselves.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

The nomination of candidates for the office of Town Councillor of the Custom House and Castle Wards in room of Messrs M'Mahon and Hartigan, disqualified by the recent decision of the Court of Queen's Bench took place yesterday at the Town Hall. Mr David Nelson, Patrick-street, was proposed for the Custom House Ward by Mr Michael Egan, Patrick street, seconded by Mr R A Gleeson, T C, and there being no opposition was declared elected. In the Castle Ward, the candidate nominated was Mr Wm O'Connell, Victualler, Thomas street, who was proposed by Mr Archibald Murray, Portland, seconded by Mr Ambrose Hall, junior. In this case also there was no opposition.

A SEQUEL TO THE LATE FISHERY BOARD SQUABBLE.

It will be in the recollection of most of our readers that when the rival Fishery Board of Conservators was formed by Mr Mackay's supporters Mr P Moloney was by them appointed clerk at a salary of £100 per annum. We are informed that a cheque was issued to him for the sum of £100 and Mr Moloney proceeded to perform his duties as clerk, but up to the present the cheque has remained unpaid. Acting under the advice of counsel, Mr Moloney has, through his solicitor, Mr James H Moran, Limerick, issued a writ against each of the three signatories to the cheque, and an interesting trial is expected soon to take place.

IRISH DAIRY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Council of above Association was held in the offices, Limerick, yesterday. Present—Count Moore, President (in the chair), Messrs R Gibson, W Thorp, and M A O'Callaghan. The annual conference of the Association was fixed to be held in the Molesworth Hall, Dublin, on February 5th and 6th next. Special papers and prominent speakers, as well as visits to Glasnevin Dairy School and Mr Nash's farm at Lucan, will form the programme. Special railway arrangements are being made. The balance sheets for 1895 were submitted and considered satisfactory subject to audit. All papers for "Margarine Essay" must be lodged with the President on or before 1st Feb.

THE PALL MALL MAGAZINE.

The February number of this *Magazine* contains many attractions. Not the least interesting of these is the second instalment of "Secrets in Cipher," with fac simile reproductions of ciphers which had actually been in use in the Seventeenth Century. Amongst these the String cipher is one of the most curious. "The Reading Room and Iron Library of the British Museum," "The Fortifications of Paris," "Some Hampshire Hospitalities," are descriptive sketches; whilst poetry is represented by "A Derry Dame," narrating an incident of 1689, and "The Curse of Versatility." The fiction includes "Brabantio's Love," "A Beginning and an End," "The Laird of Dornochy," and the concluding chapters of "His Honour and a Lady." There is a beautifully engraved frontispiece of "Your health, Madam," after a painting by George Wiss. The illustrations are, as usual, beautifully executed.

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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S PRIZES.—English verse—Thomas E B Adderley; English prose—John Edward Healy; Greek or Latin verse—Trevor G Johnston.

Greek or Latin prose—Ernest Henry Alton and Edward Gerald Butler.

KNOCKADERRY RACES.

These races, which were such a great success last year, will come off on Saturday, March 7th. An energetic committee has been formed, and it is to be hoped that the meeting will be a most satisfactory one.

WINTER HOSIERY, woollen shirts, warm gloves, fancy waistcoats, Cardigan jackets, silk handkerchiefs and mufflers, &c. C. Cornella, Thomas-street, is now selling the residue of his winter stock of the above at greatly reduced prices to clear. Great bargains in high-class overcoats, waterproofs, umbrellas, and leggings, &c. Stout winter walking boots and shooting boots very cheap. Special lot of ladies' high-class winter boots at wonderfully low prices.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. THOS. E. O'BRIEN, L. & C.R.

The funeral obsequies of the late Mr Thomas Enraght O'Brien, Lieutenant and *Custos Rotulorum* of the City and County of Limerick, took place yesterday. The remains were removed from his late residence, South Hill, shortly after twelve o'clock for interment at the New Cemetery. The funeral was of extremely large proportions extending over a mile in length. Evidence of mourning was universally exhibited, and the principal establishments were closed or had shutters up while the funeral was passing. The route taken by the procession was by the Roxborough road, through Sexton street, Roche's street, George street, William street, and Mulgrave street, to the cemetery. There was a large body of Roman Catholic clergymen in attendance, and following the chief mourners were the Mayor, attended by the mace and sword bearers, the City High Sheriff (Mr J P Gaffney), and the members of the Corporation. Next marched a guard of honour of the Royal Irish Constabulary in charge of District-Inspector Hetreed, and then followed the general public, and a long line of carriages.

The remains were enclosed in a suite of coffins, oak, mahogany, and lead. The inward shell was upholstered and lined in satin. The outward coffin was of massive oak, heavily moulded and enpannelled, the panels being covered in crimson plush. The breast-plate bore the following inscription:—

THOMAS ENRAGHT O'BRIEN,
Born 4th May, 1827,
Died 18th January, 1896.
R.I.P.

The chief mourners were:—Very Rev Prior Glynn, O S A, St Patrick's, Rome; L J O'Brien Kelly, Barrister-at-Law; John George Kelly, J P; W E O'Brien, M P; Kelly, Thomas O'Brien Kelly, Thomas Madigan, P J Hayes, Messrs. O'Brien (2), William Spillane, D L; Very Rev Canon Ryan, Rev W O'Connor, Charles O'Connor, M D, Celbridge; C Nolan, M D.

The clergy present were:—Very Rev Dr Mooney P P, V G, Rathkeale; Very Rev T R Shanahan, P P, V G, St Munchin's; Rev Dr Hallinan, P P, St Mary's; Very Rev Canon Ryan, P P, Galbally; Rev Thomas Lee, Adm., St John's; Very Rev V Byrne, S J, Rector, Mangret College; Rev M O'Donnell, Adm., St Michael's; Rev T Halpin, P P, Donoughmore; Rev D E Shanahan, P P, St Patricks; Rev Wm Downes, P P, Ballingarry; Rev J McCoy, P P, Bulgaden; Rev E O'Kennedy, P P, Patrickswell; Rev L Gleeson, P P, Parteen; Rev William O'Connor, P P, Knocklong; Very Rev Father Head, S J; Rev Father Gatley, S J; Rev Father O'Keeffe, S J; Rev Fr Rochfort, S J; Very Rev Father Griffithe, C.SS.R; Rev Fr Bannon, C.SS.R; Very Rev Fr Hourahan, Prior, O S A; Rev Father Brophy, O S A; Rev Father Hogan, O S A; Rev Father O'Mahony, O S A, Cork; Rev Father O'Brien, O S A, Queensland; Rev Father O'Connor, Celbridge, county Kildare; Very Rev Father Bannon, O P; Rev Father Quigley, O P; Rev Fr M'Cormack, O P; Rev Father Maher, O S F; Rev Father Burke, O S F; Rev Fr Horan, O S F, Rev J Griffin, C C, St John's; Rev M Murphy, C C, do; Rev H O'Donnell, C C, do; Rev R Fitzgerald, C C, do; Rev J O'Connor, C C, do; Rev J M Cregan, C C, St Michael's; Rev J Lee, C C, do; Rev Dr O'Riordan, C C, do; Rev J Carroll, C C, St Patrick's; Rev J Liston, C C, Rathkeale; Rev J O'Connor, C C, St Mary's; Rev J O'Gorman, C C, Donoughmore; Rev John Quinlan, C C, Newcastle West.

The Corporation were represented by the Mayor and High Sheriff, Aldermen Ambrose Hall, J P; J J Cleray, J P; Daniel Ryan, Patrick Riordan, Thomas Gaffney, J P, P Kenna, L Carr, Town Councillors Thomas McMahon Cregan, J P, James O'Mara, J P; Patrick E Bourke, J P; James Gaffney, solicitor; J Clune, J P; Richard Smith, Denis F M'Namara, Patrick Herbert, Michael Cusack, Patrick M'Donnell, David Begley, Michael Spain, W E Counihan, solr; John Hayes, Michael McDonnell, Richard A Gleeson, James Gilligan, Michael Donnelly, Wm Frost, Wm H Trownsell, D Kennedy, and the following Corporate officers—Robert McDonnell, J P, Town Clerk; W E Corbett, C E, City Surveyor; John Dundon, Law Adviser; Mr J DeCourcy, Secretary Water Committee; Michael Woulfe, City Treasurer.

Amongst the general public were—J F G Bannatyne, D L; Francis A O'Keeffe, M P; His Honor Judge Adams, Alex W Shaw, J P; James Greene Barry, J P; Lieutenant-Colonel Gloster, Dr James Gubbins, J P, Hospital; James Quin, J P; Stephen B Quin, J P; F G Kennedy, J P; Dr T Gelston, Dr O'Neill, Medical Superintendent Limerick Asylum; Dr Myles, Major M J Kenny, B Lucas, County Sub-Sheriff; Wm McDonnell, J P; Dr Holmes, Dr P Graham, Z Myles, J P; F St C Hobson, Laurence Dennehy, solr, County Court Registrar; John Ellard, Clerk of the Crown and Peace; Wm Lloyd, H Blackall, solr; Dr Fogerty, Michael Egan, R J Lee, J Morton, Manager Provincial Bank; T H Cleeve, J P; P J Denvir, Manager National Bank; Dr M J Malone, John Ryan, J Murphy, Manager Bank of Ireland; J Boyd, Secretary Harbour Commissioners; E B Cleeve, R Fogerty, C E; J Wallace, O Wallace, J Guinane, J P; J Matterson, J P; Dr Barry, Dr Mulcahy, Dr T G O'Sullivan, Dr Haran, John McInerney, Chairman of the Limerick Board of Guardians; Thomas B Mitchell, J P; J F Power, Dr Ryan, Castleconnell; H J Guinane, Clerk Limerick Union; P R Toppin, Cannock and Co; D Tidmarsh, do; Wm Fitzgerald, Clonmacken; J Hanly, Wm Beddoes, W & L Railway; P Tobin, do; E G Fitt, John Spillane and Geo Spillane, J T C Day, P Nunan, David Nelson, T H Kenny, solr; N A Brophy, Vincent Nash, J P; Ralph Nash, J H Roche, W F O'Grady, J P; T Ebrill, C H Fitt, City Sub-Sheriff; Dr Humphreys, Wm B Fitt, J H Moran, solr; Bryan O'Donnell, J P; J Lavertine, Limerick Warehouse Company; J McDonough, Wm Halliday, J P Connolly, solr; A Hall, junr; Wm Christy, M McGuire, James O'Malley, B E; James Davidson, David Sheahan, Solomon Frost, J P; R Ray, Michael Fitzgerald, P J Frost (Clerk, Lunatic Asylum), J H DeCourcey, C P S; Wm L Hunt, E C Winter, V G; Peter Crouin, Stephen Hastings, solr; S McCarthy, David Nelson, James T Nelson, P Tracey, J Delaney, D Doyle, M Pope Hayes, J McNamara, Col O'Donnell, J P; J DeCourcey McDonnell, James Flynn (Cruise's Hotel), W Murray (Quin and Co), David Cremin, J M'Knight, Robert McNamara, solicitor; P Mulcahy, C O'Donnell, solicitor; James Doyle, solicitor; P E O'Donnell, solicitor; James P Hall, solicitor; F E Kearney, solicitor; P Lynch, B L; Dr Shanahan, John and W Micks, George Ryan, C E; T M Bourke, Dr O'Shaughnessy, J P; Hugh Coyle, J Creagh, S Hastings, solicitor; Head Constable Morrow, O D Coll, V S; J O'Riordan, V S; J G Robinson, W and L Railway; P Kearney, G S and W Railway; John Byrne, S D Govan, C Mahony, S Ebrill, R B Walsh, Jackson Jones, M Geraghty, J Toppin, Luke B Leonard, P Kelly, J Clancy, D Madigan, P Madigan, D Kennark, David Cremin, M O'Halloran, P O'Halloran, G Bradshaw, P O'Grady, J Mahony, Thomas Clancy, P L G; T Clifford, J P, Croom; George Carmody.

The following amongst others sent carriages—The Earl of Dunraven, Sir Charles Barrington, Bart, Glenstal; James F Bannatyne, D L; Peter Fitzgerald, J P; S B Quin, J P; H Blackall, solicitor; John McBirney, James Greene Barry, J P; D Tidmarsh, Dr Gelston, Dr O'Connor, Celbridge; Mrs Harris, William Leahy, C S; R De Ros Rose, J P; Captain John Hunt, Friarstown; Archibald Murray, O Wallace, Prospect; E B Cleeve, T H Cleeve, J P; Dr Ryan, Dr Holmes, Michael Egan, John Ellard, P MacNamara, P E Bourke, J P; S F Dowling, J P; A W Shaw, J P; Dr Fogerty, M D Matthews, T D Clifford, J P, Fedamore; the Good Shepherd Convent, O D Coll, V S; P O'Malley, E H O'Callaghan, James T Nelson, William Lloyd, Very Rev Dr McNamara, Bruff; Wm L Hunt, James Goodwin, John Morton, F St C Hobson, Dr Myles, Ebril Bros., Rev T Halpin, P P; S McCarthy, M O'Brien, Rev Father Byrne, John F Power, William E Counihan, solicitor; Vincent Nash, J P; Dr Humphreys, Hugh Coyle, E Slattery, Clino; F Tracey, Thomas O'Brien, Burroe; Dr Barry, E C Winter, V S; R A Gleeson, Wm Christy.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs P M'Carthy and Son, George street.

LIMERICK BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

At the weekly meeting of the Board of Guardians yesterday, before the business was proceeded with, Mr J P McNamara proposed the following resolution:—"That we, the members of the Limerick Board of Guardians, desire to place on record an expression of opinion and heartfelt sympathy on the occasion of the death of Mr Thomas E O'Brien, and that we condole with Mrs O'Brien in her sorrow." Mr Clancy seconded the resolution, which was cordially endorsed by the Chairman (Mr McInerney) and passed unanimously, and a copy ordered to be sent to Mrs O'Brien.

COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS.

At the County Petty Sessions to-day, before Mr Wm F O'Grady and Lieut-Colonel Maunsell, after the disposal of the custody cases, the Chairman said—Now that the custody cases have been disposed of, I now adjourn this court as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr Thomas E O'Brien, Her Majesty's Lieutenant of the County, and I beg to offer my expression of sympathy with Mrs O'Brien and his family in their sad affliction.

PROTESTANT YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

GYMNASTIC CLASS.

On Tuesday evening a Grand Gymnastic Competition, under the rules of the I A G A, was held in the lecture hall of the Protestant Young Men's Association, and proved most successful. It was the first of the kind held in Limerick, and the President of the Class, Mr E G Fitt, the Committee, and the Secretary, Mr S Jordan, may well congratulate themselves on the result of their efforts. The exhibitions were highly creditable, and speak well for the skilful training carried out by Sergeant Instructor O'Mahony. A large number of the general public watched the proceedings with much interest, and the competitors were warmly applauded. A pleasing selection of music was rendered by a small orchestra during the evening. The prizes for the junior competition were presented by Mr E G Fitt, and Mr Bruce Murray, and those for the senior competition by Messrs Archibald Murray and W L Stokes. The judges were—Sergeant-Instructor O'Mahony, Mr E G Fitt, and Mr A B Hamilton. In the junior competition, J Healy succeeded in carrying off the first prize, and A F Greene the second. The number of marks scored by the former was 80½, while the latter totalled 73. The following is a list of the competitors in this grade with their totals:—J Smith, 70½; E D Stephenson, 53; F Parker, 71½; G Taylor, 71; P Griffiths, 72½; T Myles, 59. The maximum number of marks allowed for each item (except ladder jumping and rope) was 15. This rule also held good in the senior competition, in which G Ball was first, with 93 marks to his credit; M Hewson second, with 82½. Also competed—E Ryan, 61½; S Jordan, 80; W Cromer, 59½; J Reid, 75½; F Hewson, 80½; E Williams, 73; A Creswell, 70½; W Williams, 64; F Rookby, 55. The prizes, at the conclusion of the proceedings were distributed by Mr Fitt.

CONCERT AT CROOM.

A very successful concert was held in the Courthouse, Croom, on Tuesday last. The following programme was performed—Miss Sargent, pianoforte solo; Miss Smyly and chorus, "Dole old bango"; Rev W J Adams sang, "Bid me to love"; Mrs Furnell sang, with violin obligato by Rev C V Atkinson, "Whisper and I shall hear"; Rev C V Atkinson sang, "The Scout"; Miss Roche Kelly sang, "Thoughts and tears"; Miss Hilda Roche Kelly, pianoforte solo, "Musical box"; Miss Gavin sang, "All Hallow's Eve"; Mr J B Charters sang "John Peel." II Part—Glee, "Sweet and low," Mrs Furnell, Miss Ruth Smyly, Miss Harding, Rev W J Adams, and Rev C V Atkinson. Violin duet and pianoforte accompaniment, The Misses Roche Kelly and Rev C V Atkinson. The Rev W J Adams sang, "Fair is my love"; Mrs Furnell sang "The minstrel boy"; Miss Ruth Smyly sang, "Tell her I love her so"; Miss Roche Kelly sang, "As friends we meet, as friends we part"; Miss Smyly sang with chorus, "Cockles and mussels"; Rev W J Adams sang with chorus, "Good night." The Courthouse was crowded, and the audience much appreciated the musical treat. It would be invidious to particularize where all were so good.—COR.

A VIOLENT WORKHOUSE INMATE.

At the Listowel Petty Sessions, John O'Mara, an inmate of the Listowel Workhouse, was sentenced to a fortnight's imprisonment for disorderly conduct while in the tramp ward. As defendant was being put into the dock he threatened the workhouse porter, who proved the case, and the sentence was altered to a month's imprisonment. Defendant (again to witness)—I will "do" six months for you for this. The sentence was now altered to one of two months, at the expiration of which he was ordered to find sureties for his good behaviour, or in default an additional month. Defendant (in the dock)—You ——, I will do twelve months for you when I come out. Mr French, R M, threatened defendant with a still further extension of imprisonment, but the latter continued to threaten the witness for some time further and then subsided.

BALLYNEETY PETTY SESSIONS.

THIS DAY.

Before Mr E M Kirby (in the chair), Mr T Mitchell, and Mr T D Clifford.

The whole time of the court was taken up with the hearing of a prosecution brought by District Inspector Toppin against a National School teacher named James Purcell, who was charged with having on Christmas morning indecently assaulted Catherine Dooley, wife of Patrick Dooley, who is also a National School Teacher, in a district adjoining that of the accused. Mr Moran, solr, appeared to assist Mr Toppin in the prosecution, and Mr J Coffey, solicitor, defended. It seems that there was a party at the complainant's house, and it was stated that after the guests had departed, the alleged offence occurred. Catherine Dooley called for assistance and her eldest son came up and struck the accused several times. For the defence it was argued that Mr Dooley and his sons attacked the accused for refusing to lend them money, and Purcell denied having been guilty of the charge preferred against him. A number of witnesses were called on both sides, after which the magistrates retired, and on returning to Court the Chairman stated that they had unanimously decided to refuse informations.

MARKET TRUSTEES.

A meeting of the Market Trustees was held yesterday in the Board-room, Chamber of Commerce, Alderman Cleary, J P, in the chair. Also present—Mr Rde Ros Rose, J P, Mr M Egan, Mr Thomas Donnellan, Mr Wm Frost, Mr P Herbert, and Mr John Boyd.

Mr John Hardiman, Secretary, and Mr Fitzgerald, Inspector, were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed. It was announced that there was £112 in bank to the credit of the Trustees. Several cheques were signed.

It was proposed by Mr Donnellan, seconded by Mr Herbert, and resolved, that the secretary be asked to prepare a return of the attendance of members of the grand jury who were representatives on the Markets Trustees board during the past year.

Some routine business having been disposed of, the board adjourned.

CITY POLICE COURT—YESTERDAY.

Before Mr E F Hickson, R M; and Mr Myles.

DRUNKENNESS.

Anne Hartigan was charged by Constable Brogan with drunkenness in the public street last night. The accused, who was described as an old offender, was sent to gaol for fourteen days, without the option of a fine.

Michael Cunningham, a travelling watchmaker, was charged by Constable McCarthy with being drunk last night. It being accused's first offence, he was discharged with a caution.

END OF THE ENGINEERS' DISPUTE.

The *Glasgow Mail* says the engineers' dispute on the Clyde and at Belfast is at an end. The men's London executive met last night and decided that the Carlisle terms should be accepted, and that the Belfast men should be ordered to resume work at once. The executive do not anticipate any trouble at Belfast, but have simply decided that the time has arrived to exercise their authority. The Clyde gates will probably be opened on Monday.

MAMMOTH STEAMSHIP AT MESSRS HARLAND AND WOLFF'S BELFAST.

It has transpired that the mammoth steamship on the stocks in Messrs Harland and Wolff's is to be called the Pennsylvania. In point of size it will eclipse anything now afloat. The length of the vessel will be 560ft, the beam 62ft, and the depth 42 feet. The displacement tonnage will be 20,000 tons, there will be 30,000 tons of cargo capacity, and accommodation for 1,500 steerage and 200 saloon passengers. The Pennsylvania will be ready early next year.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered last week in the sixteen principal Town Districts of Ireland was 24·7 per 1,000 of the population. The deaths registered in the past week in the towns alphabetically arranged, corresponded to the following annual rates per 1,000:—Armagh, 14·0; Belfast, 31·0; Cork, 20·1; Drogheda, 35·1; Dublin, 21·9; Dundalk, 20·9; Galway, 15·1; Kilkenny, 9·4; Limerick, 21·1; Lisburn, 17·0; Londonderry, 18·8; Lurgan, 36·5; Newry, 32·2; Sligo, 35·5; Waterford, 20·0; Wexford, 31·6. The deaths from the principal zymotic diseases in the sixteen districts during last week were equal to an annual rate of 1·8 per 1,000, the rates varying from 0·0 in ten of the districts to 5·1 in Sligo; the 7 deaths from all causes registered in that district comprising 1 from whooping-cough.

GREAT FOOTBALL MATCH IN LIMERICK.

GARRYOWEN *V.* TRINITY COLLEGE.

VICTORY OF GARRYOWEN.

The great football match between Trinity College, Dublin, the holders of the Leinster Cup, and Garryowen, the Munster Cup holders, which had been "the talk of the town" for the past few weeks, took place to-day. Not for a long time has a football match created so much interest, and people who never saw the rugby game played before, were attracted to the Market Field to-day to witness the contest. This was the first occasion this season on which the Garryowen put their full strength in the field, and the account which they gave of themselves was very creditable to them, and sustained in an unmistakable manner the high character which this good old institution has borne for many years. They had a hard nut to crack to beat the Trinity men, and their victory was well deserved.

The spectators, of whom there was an immense concourse, the Grand Stand being well patronised, evinced the greatest enthusiasm in the game, and the efforts of the local men were warmly applauded. It must be said, however, that no partizan spirit prevailed, and the visitors were accorded a generous reception. The arrangements for the match were complete, and good order was maintained throughout, and additional interest was given to the proceedings by the presence of the band of the Industrial School. Play commenced about three o'clock.

The following were the teams:—

Trinity—Full, Simpson; quarters, Bulger, L Gwynne, Mears, King-Edwards; halves, A P Gwynne (capt), G Meldon; forwards Poe, Franks, Colwick, M'Vittie, M'Laughlin, Harman, Smith.

Garryowen—Full, T O'Connor; quarters, Crowe, Peel, J O'Connor, J Lynch; halves, R Lynch and Power; forwards, Slade, Fitzgerald, Hazlett, "Reid," Kelly, M Egan (capt), "Bradshaw," and J Egan.

Play commenced shortly after three o'clock, and Trinity having won the toss, Egan kicked off for Garryowen. Simpson returned with interest, and Trinity forwards following up, Garryowen were pressed for a while, and the ball was sent into touch. The home forwards working well together, the scene of operations was soon changed, and R Lynch from a pass took the ball into the visitors' grounds, but was immediately challenged, and a long punt by Simpson sent the leather into the home twenty-five. A trifling accident having befel one of the Trinity men play was stopped for a couple of minutes. On resuming, the Garryowen forwards playing with great determination, carried the ball to the centre of the field, where the play remained for some time. After this Trinity had the advantage and got near the home line, but Jack O'Connor returned by kicking into touch, and a beautiful rush by the Garryowen forwards, headed by Kelly transformed play to visitors' goal, and Jack O'Connor attempted a drop kick and failing, Trinity were obliged to touch in defence. Some exciting play followed, both sides playing with great earnestness, Garryowen showing superiority in the scrimmages. Power stopped a rush by the Trinity forwards, and Lynch had a run as a result of a splendid piece of passing amongst the backs. Garryowen besieged the visitor's line, and eventually Peel was awarded, and T O'Connor drew first blood by kicking a beautiful goal, amid much applause from the spectators. After the kick out Trinity held possession of the home premises, till Power availed himself of a pass, and ran grandly, but being tackled by Simpson, punted into touch. Bulger made a great effort to break away, but the defence was invulnerable. Bulger again got away, and had a run to Garryowen line, when he was tackled by Power. Trinity had now a great chance, but failed to score, and at half time play was:—

Garryowen ... ... 1 goal
Trinity ... ... *nil*

On resuming after the usual interchanges, Garryowen again became the aggressors, and a score was narrowly averted, the play of Peel, "Bradshaw," Power, Kelly and the Lynches being conspicuous. Pressure on the visitors was continued with great vigour, and Slade getting a free, forced Trinity to touch in defence. Garryowen forwards repeatedly held the scrummages, and the play of the forwards was excellent. Bulger intercepting a pass, relieved pressure but was cleverly stopped by T O'Connor. The home team kept up the pace, and again looked like scoring, but Trinity backs kept well on the alert, and Meldon by a good run relieved, and Trinity having got a free were unabled to get into the home ground. During the last twenty minutes play was of a most exciting character, the ball travelling to either end of the field in quick succession, one side, at alternate periods getting dangerously near the others citadel. Just before time was called, Trinity were on the home line, when J O'Connor did a remarkably neat thing by interrupting a pass, and carrying play to neutral ground, where it remained until the whistle sounded. Result:—

Garryowen ... ... 1 goal.
Trinity ... ... Nil.

NOTES ON THE GAME.

It would be unfair to particularise any of the Garryowen players. Their forwards played an excellent game, and it would be a pity if Garryowen ever lost the services of that good old man "Bradshaw." Kelly was at the head of every rush, and was never seen in better form. Egan played beautifully, and so did Fitzgerald, "Reid," and Slade. The quarters passed grandly to each other, and Power was particularly prominent by his splendid tackling. Peel, Jack O'Connor and R Lynch played an admirable game, and J Lynch also showed great ability. T O'Connor at full was faultless. The visitors played a great game, and some very pretty passing took place amongst the quarters. Bulger and Meldon made great attempts to score, but were too well watched. The forwards were good, but not equal to the Garryowen lot. With the same team playing in the same formes to-day, Garryowen might be backed against any team in Ireland. The match was very satisfactorily refereed by Mr Murray, Cork.

THE COUNTY LIMERICK HOUNDS.

The meet yesterday took place at Dromore. Owing to the frost of the previous night only a small field turned up, and the master and the pack did not arrive until 12 o'clock, an hour after the regulated time. The atmospheric conditions had, however, undergone a considerable change for the better by this time. The frost, which had been rapidly thawing all through the morning, had now almost disappeared and when the dogs entered the wood scent was fairly good, and there was every prospect of a capital day's sport. A fox was quickly found here, and after some dodging about the wood, he was out at the western end, crossing the road into Mr Morgan's fields, and then turning left he took a straight course through the open country, running to earth about half a mile outside the covert. This was a brilliant run of about 20 minutes, the master, as usual, leading throughout. Our next move was to Dromin, passing on our way Shanpallas Castle, which rises up a mighty pile of ruins, in the midst of crags. Dromin has seldom been drawn blank, and soon the air resounded with the music of the hounds. Reynard was away at the southern end, hotly pursued by the dogs. At first his course was partially straight, keeping close to the walls, but then bending to the left he made Ballincarriga, and wheeling round again dashed past Rockfield, the residence of Colonel Gloster, and keeping north-west reached Cartown in time to run to earth, and thus eluded his pursuers. This was one of the best sustained hunts. I have ever seen, and it certainly did credit to those of the field who were able to keep in touch with the hounds all through. Some mishaps occurred during the run, but I learn that they were of a trifling character.

Amongst those out were—The Master (Mr J B Charters), Mrs Charters, Mr Eyre Lloyd, Mr Wm White, Nantenan; Mr Wm Barry, Fortunion; Capt McMahon, R A; Mr Montiford Westropp, Mellon, Miss Rice, Ballinvorrick; Miss Caulfield, Mr Heatherman, J P; Dr Hannigan, Miss Westropp, Mellon, etc.—COR.

Lord Salisbury was visited by the French and German Ambassadors at the Foreign Office last evening. It has been notified that recently there have been several of these dual visits, and that last evening the French Ambassador, on his way to the Foreign Office called for the German Ambassador at his official residence.

The Marquis of Lansdowne, speaking at Salisbury last evening, stated that during the past few weeks the Government had received innumerable offers from gentlemen in all parts of the country to raise a new volunteer corps for