

SOME MAGAZINES FOR JANUARY.

In *Blackwood* a very able article discusses the question 'Is Ireland really overtaxed.' To the general question the answer is in the negative. The article, however, calls attention to the extravagance of Irish establishments as compared with those of England and Scotland as follows— By a return laid before Parliament in August last it appears that the revenue collected in Ireland was £8,084,000, or 7.46 per cent of the whole, while the local expenditure in Ireland was £5,938,000, or 15.53 per cent of the whole. The distinct establishments of a smaller country are necessarily dearer in proportion than the establishments of a larger. But Scotland is as small as Ireland, and the Scotch revenue much higher, £11,435,000, or 10.61 per cent of the whole, yet the Scotch expenditure is no more than £4,143,000, or 10.83 per cent of the whole. Why is this? Partly the cost of the Irish Constabulary, which has no counterpart in the sister countries, and partly extravagance. The following are a few items of charge in Ireland blunt the pruning-knife has been and Scotland in illustrate how in the former:—

	Ireland.	Scotland.
Judicial pensions	£13,435	£9,991
Class I. of Estimates—		
Parks, Buildings, &c	314,000	176,000
Class II.—		
Secretary's office	40,665	11,632
Local Government Board	135,181	9,226
Register General	15,149	4,145
Class III—Law Charges (omitting Constabulary)	575,000	214,000

This table shows that Ireland spends £600,000 annually over Scotland on the items above given, a state of things which calls for a speedy and thorough remedy, whatever the merits of the general question may be.

In *Macmillan* will be found a short review of 'Novels of Irish Life,' chiefly those of Carleton, Miss Edgeworth, Lever, Lover, and Le Fanu. An article on 'Charles Lamb in the India House,' tells probably all that is to be known of that immortal clerk. A sketch is given of 'The Life of John Fortescue,' a little known 'Chancellor of England.' 'Not Made in Germany,' is the title not of a commercial article, but of a short and amusing tale.

The *Century Magazine* contains, besides many stories and articles, 'Nelson in the Battle of the Nile,' by Alfred T Mahan, USN; 'Napoleon's Interest in the Battle of New Orleans,' by W H Roberts; the continuation of F Mariah Crawford's new story, 'A Rose of Yesterday.'

The *St Nicholas Magazine* for January contains, besides many stories and articles—'Danny and the Major,' by Gertrude P Greble; 'Mirrors of Air,' by Tudor Jenks; 'Master Skylark,' chaps 8-9, by John Bennett.

A new serial story, entitled, 'In Kedar's Tents,' by Henry Stoun Merriam, author of 'The Sowers,' 'With Edged Tools, &c,' begins in the January number of the *Cornhill Magazine*. Another feature in the present number is the commencement of the 'Englishman's Calendar,' the section for January being given, and commemorating the great events of our national history whose anniversaries occur in this month. A paper by the late Hon Sir Charles Murray, describes the writer's personal experience of 'Three Weeks at the Court of Windsor, September, 1837.' Mr Birrell, M.P., tells many interesting bits of information about the House of Commons. 'Never the Lotos Closes,' is a vigorous and amusing tale of South American political life and adventure. 'The Pages from a Private Diary,' is, as usual, very interesting.

Edna Lyall's new serial story, 'Wayfaring Men,' begins in the present number of *Good Words*, and will be continued each month throughout 1897. Mr William Black contributes some 'Recollections of Carlyle's Talk.' Mr Thomas Allbutt tells of 'Chess and Chess Clubs,' and Mr Nairn of the 'X. Rays in the Edison Laboratory.' Mr M Gardner describes a 'Walk in Athens,' whilst Mr Mulholl tells of the 'Progress of Locomotion in the Victorian Era.' In the *Sunday Magazine* will be observed Mr

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR E. SLATTERY.

The remains of the late Mr E Slattery were conveyed on Friday morning last from Clino to Tralee, and thence to Rath Churchyard for interment. The Limerick portion of the funeral was extremely large, and afforded the highest testimony to the respect in which Mr Slattery was held by all classes in the community, and the sorrow awakened by his death. The cortege left Clino shortly before ten o'clock for the Waterford and Limerick terminus, whence the remains were taken by the mail train at twenty minutes to eleven to Tralee. On the journey many people joined the train at Rathkeale, Newcastle West, and Listowel, and accompanied the remains to Tralee, where they arrived about three o'clock. The funeral was here reformed for Rath Churchyard, and was numerously attended by the residents of Tralee and its neighbourhood, to whom the late Mr Slattery was well known, and who entertained the same high appreciation of his character as that entertained by the people of Limerick. The chief mourners were—E Slattery (son), Thomas Slattery, Limerick, (brother); Thomas Slattery, Tralee, (son-in-law); Stephen Slattery, Birmingham, (son-in-law); Michael Slattery, Tralee, (brother-in-law); Michael Slattery, Tralee; Jeremiah Slattery, do; Patrick Slattery, do; Edmund Sheehan, do; Denis Power, Cork; Patrick Power, Tralee; Jeremiah Sullivan, Limerick; and Rev Father Slattery, P. Manningham, Bradford, England. The clergy present were—Rev T Lee, Administrator, St John's; Father Griffin, St John's; Father Fitzgerald, do; Father Murphy, do; Father O'Connor, do; Very Rev. Father Hanrahan, Prior, Q.S.A.; Father Kenrick, C.C. Dououghmore, Rev Father Crowley, St John's, Tralee; Father Keane, ditto; Father Kirby, ditto; Father Murphy, ditto; Father Griffin, ditto; Very Rev J Ryan, O.P.; Rev F Stack, O.P.

The general public included—Dr John Holmes, Dr P J Mulcahy, Alderman O'Mara, Mr P Tracy, T.G.; Mr Wm B Fitt, auctioneer; Mr William Sheehan, Mr Michael Sheehan, Mr Thomas O'Neill, Mr Robert Hickie, Alderman D Ryan, Mr R Gibson, Mr W L Stokes, Mr W H Swann, Mr Collier, Mr E G Fitt, Mr R Smith, Mr W Spillane, DL; Mr S Sullivan, Mr J H Roche, Mr Joseph Matterson, J.P.; Mr A W Shaw, J.E.; Alderman J J Cleary, J.P.; Mr E Dundon, Master Limerick Union; Mr J O'Halloran, Mr P Connolly, Mr R Keating, Mr P Kelly, Mr Wm O'Connell, Mr J Gilligan, Mr Wm Bateman, Mr M Calligan, Mr J McInerney, Chairman Limerick Board of Guardians; Mr James O'Mara, T.C.; Mr T McCarthy, Mr P Fitzgerald, Mr Joseph O'Connor, Mr J O'Sullivan, Mr Tobin (Stationmaster), Mr Conington (Limerick Steamship Company), Brother Brophy (Superior St Joseph's Industrial School), Brother Nolan (St Joseph's Industrial School), Mr F St C Hobson, Mr Thomas O'Brien, Mr John Coleman, Mr James Hartney, Mr Louis Foley, Mr Leonard, Mr Stephen Dowling, J.P., T.C.; Mr P O'Meally, T.C.; Mr M McNamara, Mr Michael Fox, Mr D Leonard, Mr James Hogan, J.P., Mr V Nash, J.P., Mr R Nash, solr, Messrs Ebrill Bros., Mr Thomas O'Neill, Mr P Hartigan, Mr J Greaney, Mr James O'Dole, Mr J O'Donnell, Mr Robert O'Brien, Mr J McAuliffe, Mr D Fitzgerald, Mr J Fitzgerald, Mr C Stelloe, Mr Joseph Sheehy, Mr M Cummins, Mr A Syman. Amongst those who sent carriages were—Messrs A W Shaw, J.P.; Joseph Matterson, J.P.; Mrs T E O'Brien, South Hill; Messrs J Barry, P O'Meally, T.C.; P Tracey, T.C.; P Connolly, R Keating, J McInerney, Chairman P.L.G.; W Hickey, P Hickey, W L Stokes, J.P.; Robert Gibson, D Leonard, Alderman S O'Mara, James O'Mara, J.P.; J Frost, M O'Brien.

Wreaths were sent by—Mrs Slattery, Birmingham; Mrs Slattery, Tralee; the Butter Merchants Association; Mrs Clump, Listowel; Mr P Hickey, Mr and Mrs T O'Neill, the employees, etc., etc.

KILMALLOCK FAIR

Kilmallock, Monday.

A large fair was held here to-day, and buying was brisk, especially for calves, of which there was a good supply. There was also a good

WEST CLARE INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KILRUSH TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

The usual monthly meeting of the Kilrush Town Commissioners was held in the Market-house Assembly Rooms on Monday night, Mr Luke O'Brien (Chairman) presiding. The other Commissioners present were—Messrs John Colligan, J.P., F Doherty, J.P., John C Mahony, B.M., Joseph Finucane, Bartholemew Crowley, Thomas Roughan, Richard O'Dwyer, James Clancy, Richard Walsh, James Doohan.

THE WATERWORKS QUESTION.

Mr Mahony, who had given notice of motion to have the initial steps taken by the Board for having the town supplied with an adequate water supply from Knockena Lake, or some other supply, asked to have the motion adjourned until the first meeting in April, as he had not yet got some information which he required on the subject.

The motion was accordingly adjourned.

FINANCIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION.

The Clerk read a letter from Major Eustace Jameson, M.P for West Clure, in similar terms as appeared in the *Chronicle*, urging the people of Clare to take prompt steps to seek restitution for the unjust taxation of the county.

Mr Mahony said as it seemed Lord Inchiquin was not disposed to call a meeting in the county, but preferred to leave the question for discussion in Parliament in the first instance, he begged to move that a meeting be held in Kilrush as soon as possible. West Clare should fall into line with the rest of Ireland in demanding justice for the weaker partner in the Act of Union (applause).

The Chairman, in concurring, said it would also be desirable that Mr Reeves, as Deputy Lieutenant of the County, should be asked to preside, and that all the priests and magistrates, and other public men, be asked to attend the meeting. It was, he thought, usual for a Deputy Lieutenant of a County to preside in the absence of the Lord Lieutenant of the County (hear, hear).

Mr Mahony said they should take prompt action, and wrote to Major Jameson, M.P, and other members of Parliament. He also suggested to send a message to Mr Reeves in the morning to seek his co-operation, and to name the date that would be pleasing to him to preside.

Mr O'Doherty, J.P, in supporting the resolution, said it would be desirable that they should have posters issued as soon as possible in reference to the meeting.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

PORT WINE.

I HAVE IN STOCK A SPLENDID VARIETY OF OLD CRUSTED PORT, Lively and Clean on the palate, dry flavoured, with an enticing bouquet, which for mellowness, delicacy, and fineness of character, cannot be surpassed. Ports are now looked for of a lighter and more refined description than heretofore, very refreshing without headiness.

My Stock of this Wine is selected so as to please the taste of every consumer.

MICHAEL EGAN,

9, 10, 11 PATRICK STREET, LIMERICK; AND

62 & 63 GREAT TOWER STREET, LONDON E.C May 30

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