compulsory clauses of the Act of 1892. The Government do not want to endanger the national education of the country, and they wish to guard against the national schools being tempted to give up that character and classify themselves as certified schools, and therefore, Mr Balfour said "the Government had thought it right so to fix the amount of the registration fee that, while it would be of substantial assistance to the certified schools, it would not induce the national schools to cease to belong to their present class. The proposal is an effort to settle a "burning question," and it remains to be seen how far it will be regarded as a satisfactory solution.

An Australian paper announces that the Rev Father Conway who, up to some eight or ten years ago, was Administrator of St Michael's R C Church in this City, and who then went abroad, has been appointed Parish Priest at Concord, Burwood, by his Eminence, Cardinal Moran. Previous to this, Father Conway had been Administrator of St Francis, Haymarket, in that country.

THE RAILWAYMEN.—A meeting of the railwaymen is to be held in the Town Hall on tomorrow (Friday) evening, and will be addressed by Mr Harford, General Secretary to the Railwaymen's Union of the United Kingdom, and Mr P J Tevenan, the Irish organiser.

THE BISHOP OF CASHEL.—The Lord Bishop of Cashel left the Palace, Waterford, on Tuesday to sojourn in Bournemouth for a few weeks to recruit his health. On his return his Lordship intends holding ordinations and a Confirmation tour in the diocese of Cashel and Emly, Waterford and Lismore during the year.

DEATH OF A POLICE SERGEANT.—We regret to observe the announcement of the death of Sergeant John M'Hugh, R I C, Limerick City, which occurred on the 5th instant at Merview, Queenstown, the residence of his father, where he had been staying for the benefit of his health. The deceased, who was a very efficient policeman, was for some time an Inspector under the Weights and Measures and Food and Drugs Acts, and had been one of the successful candidates on the "P" Lists. He made many friends for himself in this city, and they deeply regret his premature demise.

THE CORPORATION.

A quarterly statutory meeting of the Corporation was convened for to-day, for the purpose of striking a rate. At twenty minutes past twelve a quorum not being present, Alderman Hall called attention to this fact, and the roll being called, those present separated. The following attended at roll call—Alderman Hall, Town Councillors the High Sheriff, D Nelson, M M'Donnell, J Anglim, Wm O'Connell. Attended afterwards—Aldermen Ryan and Carr, Town Councillors Herbert, P M'Donnell, Hayes, Donnelly, Donnellan, Trounsell, Kennelly, Franklin. Officers—A Kileen, Assistant Town Clerk; J Dundon, Law Adviser; Wm E Corbett, City Surveyor, and M J DeCourcey, Secretary Water Committee.

THE WINDING UP OF THE "LIMERICK LEADER."

Yesterday the Chief Clerk to the Master of the Rolls appointed Mr J M Kean, chartered accountant, Dame street, to act as liquidator in the winding-up matter of the *Limerick Leader* Printing and publishing Company.

VISIT TO JOHN DALY.

Mr Wm Manahan, the representative of the Limerick Amnesty Association, has paid a visit to John Daly in Portland Prison. He telegraphed yesterday that he found the prisoner in excellent health and spirits and delighted to meet his old and intimate friend. A meeting of the Association is to be held to-night to hear from Mr Manahan an account of his visit.

ROXBORO ROAD SCHOOL.

In the House of Commons,

On the motion of Mr O'Keeffe, a return was ordered giving copies of the correspondence between the Bishop of Limerick and the Chief Secretary, the correspondence between the Bishop of Limerick and the Judicial Education Commissioners, the letters of the Bishop of Limerick to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and a copy of the memorial of the Mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of the City of Limerick to the Lord Lieutenant on the subject of the endowment scheme of the Roxborough School's, Limerick.

LIMERICK PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting of Committee of this Society was held on Tuesday, 5th inst. Very Rev the Dean of Limerick, Chairman.

MEMORIALS.

Three children were admitted.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

The subject of employment for two or three of

FUNERAL OF MISS MARY GORDON MATTERSON.

The funeral of the late Miss Mary Gordon Matterson, whose death occurred on Tuesday last at St Leonard's-on-Sea, took place this afternoon. The remains arrived in Limerick by 1.30 train from Dublin, and were borne to a hearse in waiting by some of the clerical staff of Messrs Matterson & Sons, and thence conveyed to the family burial ground at Kilmurry, where the interment took place. The *cortege* was of extremely large proportions, and embraced all classes of the citizens, and many country residents. While the mournful procession was passing through the city, the Protestant Young Men's Association and Chamber of Commerce were closed, while the monster houses, and the other principal establishments in the city were shuttered. General signs of mourning and sympathy for the deceased's parents in their severe sorrow were exhibited in a marked degree on all sides. The brothers of the deceased young lady were not present, being just now abroad.

The chief mourners were—Mr Joseph Matterson, father; Mr John Russell, senr, Glanview, and Mr John Russell, junr, and Mr H Russell (cousins).

Amongst the general public present were—Very Rev Dean Bunbury, Mr A W Shaw, J P; Captain Verschoyle, Rev Precentor Meredyth, Mr F A Johnston, Mr Wm G Gubbins, J P; Dr Gelston, Rev Canon Gregg, Dr T Gelston, Dr Kennedy, Captain DeCourcey O'Grady, Mr F G Kennedy, J P; Mr T A Ferguson, Mr John Morton, Manager Provincial Bank; Archdeacon Hamilton, Rev James Dowd, Mr James Greene Barry, J P; Captain Vanderkiste, Rev Chancellor Seymour, Abington Rectory, Mr John F. Murray, Mr Vincent Nash, J P; Mr P Denvir, Manager National Bank; Mr Edmund Russell, Captain Vansittart, Castleconnell; Rev Fr Shanahan, P P, St Patrick's; Mr Charles Vansittart, Mr E White, Fort Etna; Mr James Shine, J P; Mr Wm Lloyd, Mr Robert Fogerty, C E; Mr M. Cusack, Mr R Smith, Mr James Wallace, Mr Octavious Wallace, Captain Fudge, Mr Wm Spillane, D L; Mr Murphy, Manager Bank of Ireland; Mr Wm M'Donnell, Dr R Barry, Mr B Plummer, Mr R Plummer, Mr W Barrington, C E; Mr Godfrey Gelston, Mr R Gelston, C E; Mr F M Fitt, solr; Mr Wm H Fitt, Rev F R Carr, Mr R Walker, Dr W Fogerty, Dr George Fogerty, Mr Robert M'Namara, solr; Mr Wm Leahy, solr; Mr John Ellard, Clerk of the Crown and Peace; Mr A N Barnett, McBirney and Co; Mr P R Toppin, Managing Director Cannock and Co; Rev J W Hudson, Mr S Hastings, solr; Mr R Lee, Mr S Lee, Mr A J Eakins, Manager Guy and Co; Colonel O'Donnell, J.P; Mr C H Gubbins, Cork; Mr E G Fitt, Mr F St C Hobson, Mr M Slade, C.E; Major Kenny, Mr James Delaney, Mr James O'Mara, J.P; Mr J V Golden, Manager Munster and Leinster Bank; Colonel Maunsell, Mr John Spillane, Dr Shanahan, Capt Gartside Tipping, Mr J A Place, Mr Ernest Phelps, Mr J Goodwin, Mr H Sterling, Mr Michael Herriott, Mr William Hunt, Mr C Heaton-Armstrong, Mr Armstrong, junr., Mr Archibald Murray, Mr James Delaney, Mr John Boyd (Secretary Harbour Board), Mr Alfred Baker, Mr Michael Egan, junr., Mr B. Barrington, solr., Dr Shanahan, Mr A. Blood-Smyth, solr., Mr John Ryan, solr., Dr Graham, Dr Humphreys, Mr James A. Doyle, solr., Mr Wm. Corbett, C.E., Mr Ralph Nash, solr., Mr C. Stockwell, Mr Hugh A. Earls (Managing Director Messrs. Matterson and Sons, Limited), and staff, and the other employees of the firm; Mr Richard Fry, Manager Matterson and Sons, Dublin; Mr Brabazon, Manager Denny and Sons, and staff of the firm; Mr R Plummer, Secretary Messrs Shaw, and the staff of the firm; Mr W L Stokes, J P; Mr J Ellis Goodbody, Mr Michael McDonnell, T C; Mr David Bealey, T C; Mr J Clune, J P; Mr Bryan O'Donnell, J P; Dr E O'Neill, Superintendent Lunatic Asylum; Mr Hunt, solicitor; Mr Belcher, Mr W T Cope, the Messrs White, George street; Mr James Quin, J P; Mr S B Quin, J P; Mr F E Kearney, solicitor; Mr F Muspratt, Mr Moses Caffrey, Mr F H Pollexfen, Head Constable Morrow, Mr Wm Christy, Mr E Christy, Alderman Gaffney, Mr Wm F O'Grady, J P; Mr P J Connolly, solicitor; Mr Alphonsus O'Keeffe, Mr J Lavertine (Limerick Warehouse), the Messrs Ledger, George street; Mr James Hayes, Mr E Keating, Mr Massy Hewson, Mr A Wolzell, Mr E Murray, Mr Charles O'Donnell, solicitor; Mr Quinlan.

Amongst those who sent carriages were—Capt. Verschoyle, Mr R. de Ros Rose, J.P., Mr Peter Fitzgerald, J.P., Very Rev. Dean Bunbury, Mr Ed. Russel, Mr Vincent Nash, Mr F. G. Kennedy, J.P., Mr R. J. Gabbett, J.P., Mr J. Shine, J.P., Dr Gelston, Rev Mr Seymour, Mr Wm. Hunt, Capt. Vandekiste, Mr T. A. Ferguson, Mr Winter, V.S., Miss Allan (Willow Bank), Mr Enright (Castleconnell), Mr P. J. Hamilton, Rev. Precentor Meredyth, Mr R. Keating, Mr W. L. Stokes, J.P., Mrs O'Brien (South-hill), Mr T. H. Cleeve, Mr J. Russell (Ballyneety), Mr M. Egan, Mr Power, Mr Quaid, Mr O. D. Coll, V.S.; &c.

Wreaths were sent by Mrs and the Misses Plummer, Miss Shaw, Mr and Mrs de Ros Rose, Mr and Mrs Richard Harris, Miss Sather'and, Mr Godfrey Gelston, Miss Allan, Mr H A Earls, Mr F Johnston, Mr Charles Quaid and Mrs Quaid, Mr R Power, Employees of Messrs Matterson, Miss L Valentine, Workmen of Messrs Matterson and Sons, Limited, Mr C H Gubbins, Mr and Mrs Oliver Fry, Dublin; Mr and Mrs Wheeler Bennett, Constance and Richard Fry, and others.

RECENT BAKERS' STRIKE CASE.

THE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY'S GRAND CONCERT.

Booking is rapidly going on for the Grand Orchestral and Choral Concert to be held in the Theatre Royal to-morrow (Friday) evening, under the conductorship of Mr F Muspratt. It promises to be a brilliant success, and the programme to be produced comprises a class of music which has not been performed, to any great extent, here for years. It is not alone of a highly classical character, but the items represent some of the most remarkable and popular selections from the works of celebrated composers, such as Gounod, Stanford, Meyerbeer, Wagner, Sullivan, Bellini, Massenet, and others. A feature of the evening will be the production of a work which is a great favourite at all the large Festivals. We allude to Stanford's Choral Ballad "The Revenge," or a Ballad of the Fleet. Dr Stanford has set to music Lord Tennyson's fine poem in which he relates the heroism of Sir Richard Grenville, who, with his hundred seamen in the little "Revenge" attacks the Spanish Fleet off the Azores, and eventually both sides are almost annihilated, and Sir Richard dies on a Spanish vessel. The music, having regard to the theme, is very dramatic, and rises here and there to a very fine climax, giving scope for great power and tone. As there are one hundred voices in the Society we may expect that the interpretation of the work will be highly effective, lacking nothing as regards volume and artistic treatment. The production of the "Revenge" occupies something about half an hour. Another charming item, but of a different class, will be what may be termed an *entr' acte* at Part. II, and which leads into a very dainty bridal chorus from Lohengrin (Wagner), and then there is the beautiful Evening Hymn "O Gladsome Light," from the *Golden Legend*, which will be unaccompanied. The march and chorus from Tannhauser, a very melodious and well-known piece, is certain to be most popular, and as to the instrumental items generally they will be a treat in themselves, for there is a body of no less than 46 lady and gentlemen amateurs, and in addition to these will be several members of the Royal Irish Constabulary Band, who have been specially engaged for the occasion. These will supply the brass and reed instruments. The rehearsals have gone on steadily for some time past, and while we have no doubt as to the musical success of the concert, we have no doubt also that the public will gladly avail themselves of the opportunity of listening to a brilliant performance, and one which, we trust, is only the forerunner of many others, for now that the Society is well established, there is no reason why it should not blossom forth into a flourishing institution, such as exists in all the large centres in Ireland, without at all going across the water, where orchestral societies are innumerable. We feel confident there will be a bumper house to-morrow night.

LANSDOWNE CYCLING CLUB.

A general meeting of the Lansdowne Cycling Club was held on Tuesday evening in the George Hotel. The High Sheriff (Mr J P Gaffney) presided, and there was a large attendance.

The Hon Secretary (Mr J D Cusack) read his report, which stated that the club runs during last season on the whole were a success. A very creditable road race was held on the 25th August, and was witnessed by a large number of spectators. After a very interesting race, thanks to the handicapping of Mr P Kenna, it resulted in a win for a complete novice in the person of Mr S O'Dea, Mr J Smith being second, riding very well, and Mr T G Kenna third. The committee would suggest that some arrangement might be come to for the holding of runs in conjunction with cycling division of the Limerick Amateur Athletic and Bicycle Club, which would be to the mutual advancement of both clubs.

Mr James Halvey, captain, reported that on Easter Monday the club had the first run for the season to Clare Glens, which proved a great success, 29 members turning out. The next run was to Adare, and 15 members turned out for tea at Adare. They had one of the best road races of the season, and he might state what made the race such a success was their energetic secretary, Mr Cusack.

Mr E. Kavanagh presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance to the credit of the club.

Mr A. J. Eakins moved the adoption of the reports and balance sheet, and

Mr P Ganly seconded the proposition.

The High Sheriff, in putting the proposition, said he was sure it was satisfactory for them to know that they had a balance to their credit. He would be happy to go with the energetic secretary to select a prize for one of the club road races (applause).

The reports and statement of accounts were unanimously adopted.

The High Sheriff said it afforded him great pleasure to propose the re-election of their worthy president, Mr W. L. Stokes.

Mr Eakins seconded the proposition, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr W. L. Stokes, J.P., thanked the members of the club for the honour which they had done him in electing him to the chairmanship of the club, which he said was a young and promising one.

Mr Halvey (captain) proposed the re-election of Mr E. Kavanagh as treasurer.

Mr J. N. Browne seconded the proposition, which was adopted unanimously.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr T. Kenna, Mr Halvey was unanimously re-elected captain.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Eakins seconded the re-election of Mr J. D. Cusack as hon

MARKET TRUSTEES.

A meeting of the Market Trustees was held yesterday. The High Sheriff in the chair. Also present—Mr Wm Spillane, J P, D L; Mr Michael Egan, Mr P Herbert, Mr John Boyd, Mr Donnelly, Mr Frost, Mr R A Gleeson, Mr T Donnellan.

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

The Inspector's monthly report showed that the total amount of tolls received at the several markets in April was £200 4s 11d, as against £192 12s 11d, being an increase of £7 12s for the present year. Wages, £97, showing a decrease of 7s 6d for '95. There was a decrease in receipts in the corn market of £41 8s; in the hay and straw market, £2 4s 1d; in the general market, 16s 2½d, and in hide and skin market two pence. There was an increase in the cattle and pig market of £9 2s 3d; in potato market, £5 8s 11d; in fowl and egg market, 13s 7½d, and in the butter market 5s 9d.

A letter was read from Patrick O'Gorman, superintendent of the potato market, applying that his salary be increased, it having been reduced six years ago. It appeared that he has £1 2s 6d a week at present, and that he had formerly £1 5s.

Mr Spillane—How can we increase salaries in the state we are in?

Mr Donnelly proposed, and Mr Herbert seconded, that an increase of 2s 6d be granted.

Mr Spillane said he was reluctantly compelled to propose a direct negative, as they had no funds.

Mr Egan seconded the amendment, which, on a division was lost, and the increase was granted.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Limerick Amateur Athletic and Bicycle Club, asking on behalf of themselves and the Garryowen Football Club if the Trustees would submit conditions and terms by which the market field would be handed over to the clubs interested, and these conditions would be then considered.

A telegram was read from the Mayor, who is from home, stating the members should have due notice of this application, and that, therefore, it should not be gone into to-day.

Mr Herbert observed that the matter was before the last meeting when a deputation attended, and it was adjourned till to-day, and he thought the High Sheriff was asked to put in a notice of motion.

Mr Donnellan said that in the notice sent out to the members there was nothing to the effect that this would come on to-day.

Mr Spillane—I submit then that the Chairman cannot entertain it at all until all the Trustees have had an opportunity of expressing their opinion.

The Secretary said that no notice of motion was handed in on last day.

Some conversation ensued, during which Messrs Donnelly and Donnellan expressed themselves opposed to making the Athletic Club yearly tenants, which seemed to be the proposal.

Mr Gleeson said he understood that the Garryowen Football Club were not in favour of the sub-letting of the field, and that in fact the club were canvassing against each other.

The Chairman said that was not so. He was a member of the committees of both clubs and knew that they were unanimous. He observed that a syndicate was being formed to get up a field on the Circular Road, and if that idea were carried out the clubs might leave the Market Field altogether, that is if a track were laid down in the other place.

Mr Donnelly—I don't think we ought to consider such a proposal at all, and I condemn the action of some members of this Board in voting in their own behalf.

Chairman—If you are referring to me, that is a remark which should not have been made. I am a member of the Athletic Club and the Garryowen, and instead of making any profit out of it, it is on the contrary a financial loss to me I am here to try and assist these gentlemen to encourage sport, and to bring money into the city.

Mr Spillane remarked that they could not go into the matter now, and

It was decided that notice be sent to each member of the Board that the application of the L A A & B C would be considered at next meeting.

The other business was routine.

Adjourned.

CITY POLICE COURT—YESTERDAY.

(Before Mr Hickson, R M, and Alderman Hall).

Constable Daly, John-street, charged Bridget Quinn of the unfortunate class, with being drunk yesterday morning in Cathedral Place. She was sent to jail for one month.

Michael M'Grath of no fixed abode, was charged by Constable Daly, with being drunk at Cathedral Place that morning. The accused was in company with the first-named prisoner. Constable Daly stated that on searching M'Grath he found in his possession a pawn ticket for a shirt pledged at Kearney's pawn office in the name of Michael O'Dwyer. He found that a valuable shirt had been pawned by O'Dwyer, who he supposed acted as agent for M'Grath. Further information might be had relative to the matter. Constable Daly stated he was also informed that M'Grath had the previous day, way-laid a young lad named Reynolds in Arthur's Quay, and took some bacon from him, but the lad's mother succeeded in obtaining repossession of her property before M'Grath could dispose of it. The woman was willing to prosecute him.

The accused was remanded to petty sessions to enable the police to make further inquiries.

THIS DAY.