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Sir Charles and Lady Barrington have arrived at Glaston from England.

Mr and Mrs Welsh, of Newtown, have left home for Italy for about a month.

The Earl and Countess of Dunraven are entertaining a series of shooting parties at Adare Manor, where Mr Gerald and Lady Betty Balfour have been staying for a few days.

Lady Rosse and Lady Muriel Parsons have left Birr Castle to pay visits in Yorkshire, while Lord Rosse is engaged in making observations in India on the Solar Eclipse.

The Rev Sydney Lurton Maxwell, B.A., was instituted last week by the Lord Bishop to the Union of Ardennay and Kildimo, having made the usual declaration, and read himself in on last Sunday as Incumbent of the parish.

It will be seen by advertisement that owing to the continued success of Mr D O'Donovan's Xmas drawing, twenty additional prizes have been added. The drawing takes place at his establishment, 17, George Street, on the 21st instant.

Last week Mrs Mary Moriarty, a widow, living at Gortales, about six miles from Tralee, died, after having attained the very advanced age of 102 years. During her long life she enjoyed good health until a very short time before her death.

ROYAL MUNSTER FUSILIERS—Captain Wilfrid W Blackden is seconded for service as Adjutant of Volunteers, dated 1st inst.

THE WEATHER.—Another gale sprung up last night, accompanied by heavy downpours of rain. The weather continues very wild and presents a most unsettled appearance. The English mail arrived in town to-day some hours late.

St. John's Church.—On Sunday evening the first of two Carol Services will be held at St John's Church. The Carols, which have now become familiar and easy to sing, will be rendered by an augmented choir. A ten minutes' sermon will be preached by the Rector. Liberal Christmas offerings are earnestly solicited.

A YOUNG MAN MISSING.—A young man named Counihan, aged about eighteen, has been missing from his home at the Kerries, near Tralee, since Sunday, 23rd ult. and grave fears are entertained as to his safety. His gap was found floating in the Canal Basin on Sunday, and this led to the belief that the young man had been drowned. The canal is at present being drained out at low tide, but so far no trace of the missing young man has been got.

PROTESTANT YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.—LITERARY CLASS.—We are requested to state that a special committee meeting will be held on tomorrow (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock, to arrange programme for next half session. Any members of the class who have suggestions to offer, or who are prepared to assist by reading papers or taking part in debates are requested to attend. Communications may be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Literary Class, 97 George St.

SERIOUS ASSAULT.—Last night a serious assault was committed on Mr Williams of the Customhouse, by, as alleged, a man named McMahon, of Thomondgate. It appears McMahon, who is now in the Militia, was discharged from the Naval Reserve, and having met Mr Williams in Patrick-street he struck him violently on the face and knocked him down and then kicked him. Two young men who were passing caught McMahon and held him until the police arrived, by whom he was taken to William-street station. Subsequently he was charged before Mr Clune, J.P., and remanded in custody.

SUDDEN DEATH AT NEWCASTLE WEST.—On Tuesday night Mrs Hanora Healy, mother-in-law of Mr J J M'Sweeney, proprietor of Churchtown and Rathcathill Creameries, took suddenly ill at his residence in Churchstreet, and after a short time passed away. As soon as she became ill, Fathers Reeves and O'Leary and Dr Pierce were sent for and arrived immediately. The deceased was about 65 years of age, and death is attributed to heart disease. A great deal of sympathy is expressed with Mr and Mrs M'Sweeney in their sorrow.

FUNERAL OF MRS. DANIELS.—The remains of the late Mrs Daniels, wife of Sergeant Daniels, R I C, William street, who died on Tuesday, after a lingering illness, borne with patience and resignation, were interred this morning at St Mary's Cathedral. The funeral was large and representative, and fully expressive of the sympathy felt for the bereaved husband, who is a most courteous and popular member of the force, and has been connected with the force for

DEATH OF GENERAL LORD CLARINA.

We deeply regret to state that when going to press a telegram was received from London, stating that General Lord Clarina, C.B., passed away at 7 o'clock this evening without suffering. The news will come as a great shock on the city and district, where the deceased nobleman was held in the highest esteem by all classes and creeds. But a comparatively few weeks ago Lord Clarina was seen amongst us in his usual vigorous health, and it was only on Monday or Tuesday last that the public were aware that his Lordship had taken ill, pneumonia seemingly being the ailment. Although the telegrams received in town since then gave great cause for anxiety there was still ground for hope. Lord Clarina possessed a vigorous constitution, and sickness was all but unknown to him. The wires received to-day and up to seven o'clock this evening, though gloomy, left a small ray of hope in the minds of the numerous inquirers who called at this office to-day, but the worst has come, and there has passed from amongst us a nobleman whose broad-minded qualities and practical and useful life amongst his fellow-men will long be remembered with grateful esteem.

Eyre Chalonier Henry Massey, fourth Baron Clarina, born 29th April, 1830, succeeded his father, Eyre Massey, third Baron, in 1872, and of a distinctly military family he chose the army as a profession. He joined the 95th Foot, and during a very long and active career saw some very hard service in the field. He was in the trenches in the Crimea, and served a considerable time in India. While holding a command in the latter country his lordship proved himself a strong advocate for teetotalism in the Army and did much practical good. He rose to the rank of Major General in 1870, and from the 1st October, 1881, to the 1st April, 1886, he commanded the Dublin District, retiring from it with the rank of General. Since then he has constantly resided at Elm Park, and devoted himself very largely to agricultural pursuits, giving employment to some forty labourers and their families. In public life the chief part he took was as an ex-officio guardian of the Limerick Union in which institution he took the deepest interest, especially in the welfare of the sick. When the hospitals required reformation many years ago Lord Clarina was one of the foremost of those who undertook the work of placing the hospitals on a better basis, and "Lord Clarina's Rules" are one of the most familiar of the Workhouse codes that one hears referred to again and again. In the debates at the Board the sound judgment, statesmanlike views, and unwavering rectitude, which were characteristic of Lord Clarina, had the most profound weight with the guardians, and no matter how widely the Nationalist members differed with him in politics, they always respected him, and looked up to his counsel and advice. Perhaps in no assembly will his commanding figure be more sincerely regretted than in the Board room of the Limerick Union. To the farming classes surrounding his ancestral seat, he proved himself a kindly obliging neighbour in the best sense of the word, and many of them who were in no way connected with his estate were amongst the earliest inquirers since his illness.

In Church matters, Lord Clarina was a member of the Diocesan Council and the Diocesan Synod, and was also for many years a representative of this Diocese in the General Synod. For some time he was also a governor of the Lunatic Asylum Board. In private life he succeeded in gaining the affection and respect of every one who knew him. In spite of a certain brusqueness of demeanour, he was one of the kindest, most gentle, and considerate of men, and the extent of his unostentatious charity, and kindly interest in all to whom he could be of assistance will never be known. Lord Clarina was of the very highest type of a country gentleman, who, having served his country with distinction in many high positions both at home and abroad, returned to spend the evening of his days, alas! too brief, in the home of his family, surrounded by his tenants and relatives. The deceased nobleman besides possessing many British Military medals and marks of distinction was a Knight of the Legion of Honour, a Companion of the Bath and a J.P. and D.L. for the Co. of Limerick. His Lordship has been since 1889 an Irish representative Peer. His Lordship was unmarried, and is succeeded in the title and estates by his next brother, Colonel the Hon. Lionel Butler Massey, of Cragbeg, late of the Scots Fusilier Guards, who was with the deceased nobleman during his illness.

ENNIS UNION, REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE SEED LOAN.

The weekly meeting of the Ennis Board of Guardians was held yesterday, Mr John Lynch presiding. The other guardians present were—Messrs H de L Willis, J P; P O'Brien, J P; R W Greene, John Kennedy, James Dillon, C Howard, P Falvey, M Brassill, R Hewitt, J P; J W Scott, J P, P O'Grady, T Roughan, James Lynch, M Grogan, Pat Ryan, and P Hegarty.

The Clerk stated there was a deficit of £168 0s 6d. Against this there were the following lodgements—From the Clare Asylum, £56 16s for maintenance of lunatics in the union; Collector Delahunty, £40; Collector Halpin, £45, and £3 seed rate; Collector Reidy, £30, and 13s 4d seed rate.

STATE OF THE HOUSE. Admitted for week, 12; born, 0; died, 3; discharged, 7; remaining, 471, at a cost per head of 3s 3d; in fever hospital, 9, at a cost per head of 3s 2d; in infirmary, 131, at a cost of 4s 3d; cost of stimulants, £2 5s 3d.

The Clerk said that Father Little, who was present, desired to say a few words to the board, and as he was in a hurry to get away by the train perhaps they would hear him before beginning the business.

The guardians having expressed their readiness to hear Father Little, The rev gentleman said he should thank the board for the consideration extended to the resolution which had been sent from Sirmilebridge in reference to the proposed arrangement between Mr H V D'Este and Mr John Frost. It was matter which was of public notoriety, and a one in which it was thought if the good offices of the most representative body in the county of Clare were put before Mr D'Este he would in that way consider the claims of Mr Frost for a settlement. This misunderstanding had been going on for a long time, and several offers and promises were made, as was represented to them. The rev gentleman referred at some length to the circumstances connected with the matter, and repeated that said it was now considered that the good offices of the board were used to recommend Mr D'Este to make a settlement with Mr Frost it would be very much for peace and good feeling in the locality.

After some discussion, On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kennedy, it was resolved that the Board ask Mr D'Este to reinstate Mr Frost, and if so, they would try to bring about a settlement of the case, and the following were named as a deputation to interview Mr D'Este—the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Deputy Vice-Chairman, and Messrs Brassill and Kennedy.

THE OFFER OF A SEED LOAN. At the wish of several of the Guardians, the Board then took up the special business, which was the consideration of the circular of the Local Government Board offering a seed loan to Ennis Union. The circular and the terms of the offer have already been published.

Mr Willis asked would it not be well for the Clerk to give them the particulars of the outstanding amount of the previous loans. The Clerk said that there was of the seed rate of 1891 a sum of £437 12s, charged back to the divisions owing it.

Mr Wallis—Do you know the particulars of the divisions? The Clerk replied not at that moment. Mr O'Brien said the details should be got for each division.

Mr Willis—That will take a good deal of time, but the amount has already been levied out of the rates. Mr Kennedy—Exactly. The Clerk added that there was of the '95 seed rate a sum of £334 13s 4d due to the bank.

Mr Scott—And the Guardians are responsible to the bank for that? Clerk—Certainly, sir; it was advanced to you by the bank. Mr Willis—That makes £772 5s 8d.

Mr Kennedy (ironically)—That's what the poor ratepayers have gained by the loans. Mr Hewitt—I say a lot of that could be collected. I know a case of the last loan— Mr Kennedy—I say every Guardian had a right to see that it was collected.

Mr Hewitt—The collectors should give in the lists of the defaulters. Mr Willis—This is travelling over matter that has been threshed out years ago. The question had been investigated before with the arrears before us, and the result was that it was found in many cases that people who owed the arrears were not worth the costs.

Mr Greene—It was simply impossible to collect it from some people who got the seed, and the securities were myths. Chairman—It was given to people who were no security. Mr Greene—And had no land. Chairman—And had no right to get it. I agree with Mr Hewitt that a good deal of the amount

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