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year. Mr Tobin was a most active and energetic official, and the travelling public, with whom he was so familiar a figure, will be sorry to hear of his resignation, and they, as well as the directors of the company, whose full confidence he enjoys, will wish him every happiness in the retirement he has so well earned, after a career full of care and no ordinary responsibility, in a centre where so many important details came under his keen supervision. It is the intention of the members of the Coaching staff to present Mr Tobin with a testimonial as a token of their goodwill and esteem. We understand that his successor will be Mr Shanahan, an inspector of the line, and a most courteous official.

#### THE LATE SURGEON O'GRADY.

The memory of the late Surgeon O'Grady will live long in the hearts of those who admired him for his many admirable qualities. The meeting held at the Hibernian Hotel last night is a practical step towards the recognition of his services as a surgeon and his worth as a man which will command widespread public approval. Surgeon O'Grady was emphatically an independent-minded man. He held strong views on some points, and he was never afraid to proclaim them. He was a most skilful and distinguished surgeon, and personally he was one of the kindest of men. Many acts of benevolence performed by him have never been chronicled. The movement for a memorial to him originates not merely from his professional brethren, but from members of the general public.—*Independent.*

#### THE NOVEMBER METEORS.

It will be of interest to our readers to know that the great display of shooting stars which occurs at intervals of 33 years may be looked for next Sunday, 14th inst. Should the heavens be clear the observer will see myriads of shooting stars appearing from one point in the heavens in the constellation Leo, and darting out in rays in all directions. The display will probably begin at about one o'clock on Saturday night, or rather Sunday morning, but of course everything depends upon the heavens being clear.

#### THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AND BRUFF.

A very singular occurrence, for which there is no explanation up to the present, has taken place at Bruff. The Christian Brothers, writes a correspondent, "left Bruff on Friday week without intimating to anybody the cause of their departure, and the schools have remained closed since." A public meeting of very large dimensions was held on Thursday evening, with a view of ascertaining from the Brothers their reasons for leaving, and to induce them to return. It was resolved—"That a deputation from the meeting wait on the Vicar and ascertain if he knew why the Christian Brothers left, and if he had any objection to their return." Those present at the meeting went in a body to the Vicarage, where the Parish Priest, Very Rev Fr M'Namara, gave them a cordial reception. He informed them that he did not know the reason of their going, and that he had not the slightest antagonism to the Christian Brothers, and would have no objection to their return. He also promised that he would have nothing to do with the appointing of any teacher without consulting the parishioners, and until the Superior-General of the Christian Brothers had been heard from. The deputation then withdrew, fully satisfied with the Vicar's replies.

board was suspended.

At this point Messrs Murphy and Clancy closed, Mr Clancy at the same time landing a square right-hand "shot" on Mr Murphy's shoulder. The latter drew back, but before he could retaliate effectively, Messrs McMahon, Conway, and Lynch rushed between the antagonists, and succeeded in separating them. Subsequent attempts were made by Mr Murphy to renew the combat, but he was eventually held down by the gentlemen present.

Business was resumed after about a half an hour's interruption, and matters continued harmonious to the end of the sitting.

The motion was lost, the matter being referred to the Board's solicitor.

#### ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AT KILRUSH.

(BY TELEGRAPH FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Kilrush, Tuesday.

A case of attempted suicide, under determined circumstances, occurred here last night. An Ex-policeman, named Duggan, who was obliged some time ago to leave the force on account of unsound mind, has taken to heart the action of the Constabulary authorities in awarding him only a small pension, as he had a long family and could not do any work to supplement it. He did not, however, show suicidal tendencies until last night, when he wished his nine children good bye and left his house, carrying unobserved a razor in his possession. He retired to the adjacent field and tried to cut his throat, but the razor being blunt, he could not carry out his design. He, however, inflicted dangerous injuries. The police were informed of his suspicious action, but before they could find him he had returned home streaming with blood, and some neighbours took him in charge until the police arrived. Drs John and Randal Counihan were quickly on the scene, and after operating on him had him conveyed to the hospital, where he lies in a critical condition. The greatest sympathy is felt for his wife and family.

#### COUNTY INFIRMARY.

A meeting of Governors of the County Infirmary was held on Saturday. Mr W Waller, D.L., in the chair. Also present—Mr A W Shaw, J.P., Mr F G M Kennedy, J.P., and Mr W L Hunt, treasurer. There were also in attendance—Dr Fogerty, Dr Kennedy, Dr Humphreys, and Mr Elliott, secretary.

The minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed.

The following Committee of Management for current year was appointed:—Ex-officio: The Lord Bishop of Limerick (Right Rev Dr Graves), the Rector of St Lawrence (Rev Canon Gregg, M.A.); Governors: The Right Hon the Earl of Dunraven, K.P., J F G Bannatyne, D.L., R E Gelston, M.D., T A Ferguson, A Murray, A W Shaw, J.P., Mrs Hunt (Fiarstown), A E Bannatyne, J Matterson, J.P., General Lord Clarina, C.B., W L Hunt (treasurer), F G M Kennedy, J.P.

It was reported that the alterations and improvements ordered at last meeting were proceeding satisfactorily.

There being a steady increase in the number of patients—the admissions being over 70 in excess of the total at corresponding period last year—on the recommendation of the medical staff it was decided to appoint another probationer.

Cheques amounting to £48 17s 7d, in settlement of house and other accounts were signed