

is peculiar, and the Japanese as foes are not to be despised, and England may leave these enterprising populations to settle their own affairs, and mind the business she has already on her own hands.

In the list of carriages at Lord Clarina's funeral the name of Major Masey, Stoneville, was inadvertently omitted.

District Inspector Pattison, Clonmeel, having received official notification of his appointment as Captain-General of the Shanghai Municipal Police, has severed his connection with the Irish force, and started for the Far East on Christmas Eve.

A Portumna correspondent writes that the Inspector-General of the Royal Irish Constabulary has awarded a first-class special record to Sergeant Cummins, of Ballingarry, for conspicuous gallantry in saving the lives of Michael and James Treacy in the old dock near Portumna bridge a short time ago.

**POLICE COURT**—Mr P E Bourke presided at the Police Court this morning and disposed of four cases of drunkenness, which was the only business before the Court. Three of the defendants were discharged, and the fourth, a man named Bradshaw, who had been previously convicted, was fined 2s 6d, or four days' imprisonment.

**WATERFORD STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**—We learn that, Mr J Connington, manager of the Lower Shannon Steamship Company, has been promoted to be general manager of the Waterford Steamship Company at Waterford. Mr Connington is a most courteous, active, and unassuming official, and his promotion will be heard of by his numerous friends in Limerick with no ordinary pleasure.

**DEATH OF BROTHER J P SLATTERY.**—We regret to announce the death, which took place at New Ross last week, of Brother J P Slattery, who for half a century was a very active member of the community of the Christian Brothers. He spent many years in this city where he proved himself most energetic in the cause of education and took an especial interest in the poor.

**CORPORATION COMMITTEES.**—There were no meetings of the Corporation Committees to-day as sufficient members to form a quorum of the different committees were not present at the hours appointed. The members who attended were:—Alderman Hall, J P; Mr T McMahon Cregan, J P; Mr J Gaffney, solr; Mr John Kivlehan, Mr J Hickey, Mr T Donnellan, Mr David Nelson, The Town Clerk, Mr Wm M Nolan; the Assistant Town Clerk, Mr Killeen, and Mr W E Corbett, City Surveyor, were also present.

#### RATHKEALE WATER SUPPLY.

As the result of the inquiry held recently by Dr Browne, Medical Inspector of the Local Government Board, into the existing water supply of the town of Rathkeale, a communication has been received by the guardians, requesting them to take immediate steps to provide a proper supply for the town. The matter will be discussed by the guardians at their meeting to-morrow.

**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.**—Choice Selection of Gentlemen's Goods from Head to Foot at Cornhill's, Thomas Street. (Nov 13.)

stir up the spirit of what he would doubtless call Orange intolerance, he will make a few more such speeches as he made on Wednesday night. Neither your space, nor my time, would admit of a full analysis of his discourse, but there are a few points to which I venture to invite attention. Dr O'Dwyer says that his co-religionists (I quote your report) are treated as "mere Irish Papists, descendants of the Croppies." Will the most reverend primate explain, then, how it comes that a "mere Irish Papist" often holds the highest offices in the State? At the present moment one "mere Irish Papist" (I thank thee, Bishop for teaching me that word) is Lord Chief Justice of England, and another, of Ireland. The Lord Chief Baron of the Irish Exchequer is another, and there are, and for many years have been, puisne judges answering to that description on the benches of the High Courts in both countries. Twice within the last thirty years a Roman Catholic has been Lord Chancellor of Ireland. In the other branches of the public service their name is legion. To be a "mere Irish Papist and the descendant of a Croppy," far from being a disadvantage, has actually led to the promotion of mediocrities whom nobody would ever have heard of had they not professed the faith Dr O'Dwyer laments as downtrodden. And when we talk of Croppies, let us remember that there were Protestant Croppies as well as the other religionists. There is an individual, professing some eccentric fashion of Nonconformity, at the present moment in the enjoyment of lucrative place, and something like absolute power, who would have been a nobody if a near relative of his had not been convicted of high treason. Dr O'Dwyer has distinctly affirmed the thing which is not in his reference to 'Papists' and 'Croppies.' Nor has he been less unfortunate in his denunciation of Trinity College. Why has Trinity College a Protestant Provost, Protestant Senior Fellows, and all the rest of it? (This is what Dr O'Dwyer is hinting at in his idealised Home Rule University). Because the Roman Catholic clergy of 1873 would not accept the settlement of Fawcett's Act. Had Dr Maguire, the first Roman Catholic Fellow, not died early, he would have been a probable Provost at this moment. Had the Roman Catholic clergy instead of sulking, encouraged as many students as possible to qualify for Fellowship, they would have had a phalanx of possible Senior Fellows long ere now. I will go a step further and say that had the Roman Catholic clergy of Ireland taken a really politic line concerning Church Disestablishment, they might have Roman Catholic Senior Fellows actually now on the Board. 'Verbum sap'—but Dr O'Dwyer is not 'sapiens' when this question is concerned. In conclusion, let me ask what sort of an institution would be the University which Dr O'Dwyer proposes to found, if planned upon the lines of the manifesto of June 23rd, 1897. Suppose the Protestant students flocked to the classes (as they might do)—suppose they survived the 'Catholic atmosphere' as Chief Justice O'Brien and hundreds of others have survived the 'Protestant' atmosphere of Trinity College, and laid claim in great numbers to the honours, emoluments, and so on, of the University, perhaps, in the long run, demanding seats on the governing body. Has Dr O'Dwyer maturely considered all this?—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

A DUBLIN UNIVERSITY ELECTOR.  
December 23rd, 1897.

A Severnside telegram reports that Isaac Sears, farmer, of Hall's Green, was out shooting yesterday with a party, including his son, aged 15. The latter, who was carrying a gun just behind his father, accidentally discharged it, and unfortunately Mr Sears received the full charge in his back. The shots entered the heart, and death was almost instantaneous.

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