

£1,576), parcels, &c (£691), and These have been nearly counter-leases in minerals (£1,427) (£1,399), so that there is an only a slight one, of £124. The lessee has increased by £9,880 9s. The new account shows that the expenditure over a considerable number of years and materials in connexion with the present way are responsible for a total of about two thousand pounds in

By far the largest portion of the expenditure is under the heading of Repairs. The figure for 1897 is £23,081, an increase of nearly £1,000, and is probably to be due to the disastrous strike which has so affected the coal industry in the West and elsewhere. A saving has been effected under the heading of repairs and cartriages and wagons, and with the exception of the important items already mentioned, the variations in expenditure are of a small amount. In passenger traffic there has been a decrease both in numbers and receipts. The first-class and second-class receipts show a slight decline in the receipts. The usual dividends are 5 per cent on the ordinary stock, and 10 per cent on the preference stock. The balance of £9,780 to the next dividend is satisfactory. It is stated that satisfactory arrangements have been made during the half year for the Dundra link, and that the new dining-car is running, which, it is believed, will be appreciated by the public. The shareholders are informed that the Bill for the new Railways from Waterford to the acquisition of the Waterford and Lismore, and of the new more Lines, &c, approved by the directors at their special meeting on 15th July, will, it is expected, receive the Royal Assent. The next meeting will be held at the same time on Saturday next, the business as usual business is to be transacted. The first of the two important items for consideration is to authorise the directors to issue £250,000 ordinary stock. The second is of much more importance. It is "for the purpose of providing, if so determined, of passing the proposed amalga-

Service, Stainer in A; Preacher, Rev T F Abbott, B.D. V.C. Evening Prayer, 3.30; Chants, Cooke in B and Battishill in E; Service, Stainer in A; Anthem, "The Wilderness," Isa xxxv. (Goss); Preacher, Rev Canon Haydn, LL.D.; Hymn after Sermon, No. 35. Weekday Services at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily; Litany on Wednesday and Friday; Holy Communion on every Sunday after Morning Prayer; early Celebration on First Sunday in each month at 8.30 a.m.

DEATH OF MR D F GABBETT, Ex-M.P.

We regret to announce the death of Mr Daniel Fitzgerald Gabbett, J.P., ex-M.P., Caherconlish House, which took place at his London residence on Thursday, after a long illness. The deceased gentleman, who was in his 56th year, was a magistrate and Grand Juror of the county Limerick, where he possessed considerable property and was most popular with the tenantry to whom he was a most indulgent landlord. For many years, however, he has permanently resided in London. In early life he served as a subaltern in the 2nd Lifeguards and later on in the 10th Hussars, until he retired from the army. With Mr Richard O'Shaughnessy he represented the city of Limerick in Parliament but retired at the general election of 1885.

DEATH OF THE VERY REV DEAN HAMMOND, P.P., V.G.

We regret to have to record the death of an eminent clergyman in this diocese, the Very Rev Dean Hammond, P.P., V.G., who passed away at his residence, St Itas, Newcastle West, yesterday morning. The rev gentleman had been in delicate health for some time past. His death is deeply regretted by all classes and creeds, who entertained for him feelings of the highest respect and esteem. Dean Hammond commenced at Maynooth a remarkably distinguished collegiate course. He was appointed Dean of the college, and continued in that position until, on the death of Dean O'Brien, he was transferred by the late Bishop of this diocese, Dr Butler, to the charge of Newcastle parish. After the death of Dean Cregan, Bruff, in 1892, he was raised to the dignity of Dean and Vicar General. In the election of Bishop, after Dr Butler's death, his name was placed dignior, the late Revd Joseph Burke, P.P., St Patrick's, being dignior. He was in his 78th year.

At Newcastle West Petty Sessions yesterday, before Hon J French, R.M., presiding, George L Sheehy, Michael Barry, and Patrick O'Shaughnessy, Mr Sheehy moved the adjournment of the court, to mark the esteem and reverence in which the Very Revd Dean Hammond, their good and devoted pastor, was held. His death that morning had plunged the town in mourning, and the people were truly grief-laden at the great loss they have sustained. He asked that their clerk would kindly convey this mark of their sympathy to the immediate relatives of the Dean. Mr Patrick T Liston, solr, said he wished to join in this expression of sympathy, and to convey his own condolence while joining in this worthy compliment to so good a man. The court then adjourned.

THE LATE MRS PERCY BERNARD.

Mrs Percy Bernard, of Castle Hacket, Co Galway, whose death after a lingering illness has just been announced, was the only daughter and heiress of the late Mr Denis Kirwan, of Castle Hacket. She married in 1880 Mr Percy Bernard son of the late Bishop of Tuam, and the heir

sonable proportion of the work was sent and the firm considered themselves full in giving some work to their employees as it would be unfair to abruptly discharge a large number of hands who for some years had been in their service. The firm supported their case by stating that ago the firm had arranged to give provided the employees were willing to reduction of 10 per cent in their wages was to be restored to them when they were in a position to do so. This contract has been fully discharged. The step has been necessary in order to enable the firm to compete with other similar manufacturers, and in the view of the firm, has no connection with the present cause of difference. Incidents are most undesirable in the trade of the city, and it is hoped that a trivial difference between the employer and those employed will be immediately settled. The employees are expected to return to work on Monday, and the firm may upon to adopt every reasonable course to bring matters to a final and satisfactory settlement. The Limerick Clothing Firm is a great boon to the working classes in the city and should be appreciated as such.

RURAL SANITARY BOARD

The fortnightly meeting of the Rural Sanitary Board was held to-day. Mr E Kirby presided. There were also present—Mr Greene Barry, J.P.; John Russell, J.P.; Hosford, Thomas Dundon, D MacMahon David Kelly, P Skehan, P Ryan Moloney, John O'Connor, James De Croker, D.L.; Cornelius Keogh, James Michael Hayes, Daniel Clancy, Robert Thomas Hickey.

Mr Henry Guinane, Executive Sanitary Officer; Mr John Ryan, Solicitor; Mr J.P. Hall, and Mr Joseph O'Malley, B.E., were also present.

Mr Greene Barry drew attention to the unfinished state of two cottages at Druggin which it would appear had been given to a contractor. In one case ridge tiles were not laid and in the other slates. He noted the unsightliness of these defects, and the absence of the slates great injury would be done to the timber from the effects of the weather.

Mr O'Malley, in reply to the Chairman, said he had not seen these cottages during the fortnight, as he was absent on business when he did see them a month ago, but nothing like finished. He had asked of the contractor's money on hand, and in course, he should finish the cottages.

Mr Barry—You will see that it is difficult to get the cottages finished.

Mr O'Malley—Most certainly. Mr Barry also drew attention to the litigation at Ballyneety sessions between a tenant of a cottage and the farmer on the land it is built, on account of trespassing on the tenant's plot, and the condition of the fence. At the last sessions in Ballyneety the case was on again, the parties present being Mr Russell, Mr C Croft, himself, and Mr Clifford informed his Croom Union the sanitary authority to have the fences in repair.

Mr O'Malley was directed to put the cottages in proper condition.

Mr Ryan, solicitor, stated this was fixed for considering the representation in connection with the Sixth Scheme Labourers Acts, and suggested that the Board should take up the representation for division, and in the case of Guardians absent, the representation forms