

man of the W. and L. at the shareholders saying there were not no "offer"—a distinction unable to appreciate. To put all doubt, they announced to promote the Bill in on the following terms:—
1. Adventure Stock—these proposed of the Bill of last session. 2. Preference Stock—those proposed of that Bill, and 3. As Railway Stock or Shares on the terms of the Waterford and Limerick Railway Stock or Shares, a Guarantee Western Stock yielding (quarter) per cent. per annum, from the date of the passing effect of such Amalgamation and Board would be at once the Waterford and Limerick condition of this offer as regards "important," and as a month passed, this consideration is even that a very early reply would be our. It was also added that included a pledge on the part of company for the continuance of motive, Carriage and Wagon s. It will be seen that these considerable advance on those great Southern and Western receipt of this definite offer is the Waterford and Limerick promise is given that as the period of such importance it at the next meeting of the which special notice will be given. so important, is passing, and remember another despatch is the Midland, stating that the under discussion at the last Directors, and that it is hoped will in a short time ion to write respecting how the publication of the correspondence. As with the Great Southern and twice condemned by Parliament that that project can hardly with a chance of success. an alternative of Amalgamation, cutting up the system and on the two railways or for the Waterford and Limerick to stand alone. The system is out of the question, therefore, only the two railways amalgamation with the Midland, as many think it ought to be done, as it seems an extraordinary

The annual meeting of the Clogher Diocesan Synod was held on Tuesday in the Town Hall, Clones. The Bishop, who presided, referred to the declared intention of the Irish Archbishops and Bishops to appeal to the Church of Ireland to establish as a thank-offering to Almighty God a special fund before the end of next year. This would be called the Bishops' Fund, and would be administered to give help in cases which could not be helped by any of the Church funds already in existence. They all know what large sums had been aimed at by other denominations at this remarkable period. Might it never be said that the Church of Ireland fell behind in such a work as this.

FATAL SHOOTING AFFRAY AT KILFINANE.

EXTRAORDINARY INCIDENT.

An extraordinary shooting occurrence, which unfortunately has ended fatally, took place at Kilfinane on Tuesday last. The circumstances appear to be these. A man named James Pierce, who was acting as caretaker of an evicted farm for Mr D'Arcey at Ballinanima, about two miles from Kilfinane, had been in town during the day. In the evening he visited the house of a man named John Fraher, a labourer, with whom, it appears, he had been on rather friendly terms. Pierce asked Fraher to cut his hair, and that he would give him a drink of whiskey. Fraher's wife interfered, and objected to her husband taking any drink, as he had got business to attend to. Pierce then became indignant, and taking a bottle of whiskey which he had in his pocket, flung it into the fire. Mrs Fraher ordered Pierce to leave the house, at the same time, as alleged, shoving him towards the door. He then pulled a revolver from his pocket, and Fraher now appeared at the door and made some observations to the effect that Pierce should not be arguing with women, and should not mind them. It is alleged that Pierce immediately fired the revolver, the bullet entering Fraher's neck, and he fell to the ground in an unconscious state. A constable named Prior immediately came on the scene, and it is stated that Pierce also threatened him with the revolver, but the constable closed on him and took possession of the weapon, four chambers of which were found to be loaded. In the meantime Dr Lee was summoned to Fraher's aid. On examination it was found that the bullet had lodged in the neck, and it was feared that the unfortunate man might succumb to his wound at any moment. He, however, recovered consciousness, and at a later hour his depositions were taken before Mr Dickson R.M. Fraher's condition became gradually worse, and he died this morning. Pierce was conveyed to Limerick Goal yesterday. An inquest was held on the deceased this evening, the proceedings being under the direction of County Inspector Hayes, who on the occurrence being reported in Limerick proceeded to the place.

THEATRE ROYAL.

Last night Mdlla. Gratiene and company produced at the Theatre Royal the celebrated drama "Frou Frou" (the French "East Lynne"). It was an excellent performance, and it is a matter of regret that it was not witnessed by a much

amount of the proposed expenditure a balance remaining in respect of each item stated, but that had not been done in the instance, and it would be very difficult to arrive at a conclusion with regard to various items. He considered it was hard to the Council to present such an estimate as the one before him.

The Mayor said that if Mr Begley would to the "returns of the new works ordered January last," and which appeared at the sheet, he would see that the actual expended in new works for the half year £220 14s 4d.

Mr Begley said they had no information as regards the expenditure on roads.

Mr Woulfe that could not be done, because actual amount is not known, the half year having yet expired.

Mr Begley—Then I say that the return leading.

Mr Woulfe—It could not be done. It then be misleading.

Mr Begley—How was it done in former Mr Woulfe—Because the rate was not until the half year was closed, and we know actual expenditure in each item. The rate not struck early enough.

The following estimate for the erection lamps at the undermentioned places appear the sheet:—

In Glentworth Ward—1 at Reeves' Path at £10 per annum; 1 at Sayer's lane (lead Waller's well). In Castle Ward—1 at lane, Little; 1 at Long Dock, rear of Court 2 at Sexton street North, Thomondgate. In Ward—2 at Pennywell; 1 at O'Sullivan's at Lane, rear of Bally Alley, Athlunkard. In Irishtown Ward—1 at Baal's Bridge Roxtown Terrace; 1 at Old Garryowen road Bushy lane; 1 at Fitzgerald's lane; 1 off lane, £24 7s 6d.

Mr Begley remarked that he thought there was no money for expending at present.

Mr Gough referred to the great necessity lamps at the places mentioned, particularly the Irishtown Ward. The necessity for to be erected on Baal's Bridge was most urgent.

Mr Begley said of course he would be glad to see all parts of the city properly lighted perhaps they would be in a better position to make provision for that purpose in the next estimate.

Alderman Joyce remarked that there were many lamps on Sarsfield Bridge. There were about a dozen, and he did not see what the all wanted for.

Mr Begley—It is a great promenade.

Mr O'Brien (Irishtown)—It is, for the town.

Mr Donnellan said the Clare side was in total darkness.

Alderman Joyce said they should appoint a committee to report as to the places where the considered additional lamps necessary, and as places which were over-lighted.

Mr Whelan said some places in the Dock badly required lamps, and he proposed the additional ones be erected.

On the motion of Mr Gough, seconded by Mr Connery, the estimate was passed, and it was agreed to include two new lamps for the Ward, as proposed by Mr Whelan.

The Committee decided to act on the resolution to appoint a committee to report to the Council as regards the public lighting of the city. It was agreed that the committee should consist of the Alderman and one Councillor from each ward, the following being appointed—Kett, Murphy, Donnelly, Barry, Whelan, H and Begley.

THE RETIRING WATCHMEN.

The next item discussed was an estimate