

things were an indication of that esprit ae which had always existed since he came among them, and, he trusted, would exist among the employes of their generous and considerate employers, whose kindness was too much a household word to need any comment from him (hear, hear). He thought also that the kindly manifested in the presentations and that cheering showed satisfaction all round (applause). It showed that the "base, brutal Saxon" fighter was not the horrible oppressor or experienced nincompoop he was sometimes said to be (laughter and applause). He (the speaker), ever, was half an Irishman at the very least (hear, hear). At all events he had served more than an apprenticeship in Ireland, having come to its hospitable shores over seven years ago (hear, hear). He had never regretted his life in it, in which city his first "pledge of affection" had come to brighten life—(loud applause) and in which he had made many journalistic (other friends (hear, hear). It was a change to see the people he would, as far as in him lay, like to see changed, he had never regretted coming to Limerick, though when the idea was first mentioned a well-known journalist sympathetically advised to solace him with the fact that the Shannon ran at the bottom of its principal street and might be useful when the dreariness and monotony made life unendurable (laughter). Still, he had found no use for the Shannon in that way yet (hear, hear). Nor did he think he could (hear, hear). In all his 21 experience of journalism he had never found worthier colleagues on the Press, nor a more generous-minded, tolerant people, though some who did not like a bit of criticism. That, however, was inevitable. A journalist's work was always before the Argus eye of the public, and as everyone knew, the two easiest things in the world were to edit a newspaper and poke another man's fire (laughter). Still, the criticism was rarely deplorable, and no man was too old or too wise to learn if he were not too proud to be taught (laughter and applause). It would be impossible to find more generous proprietors, or energetic and willing adjutors in every department of the paper, and they all "pulled together," he thought he might proudly point to the *Chronicle* staff as one of the most harmonious in the whole country—useful to their employers, true to each other, and consequently true to their own best interests. He stated that this spirit would always continue, and the *Chronicle* would not only maintain its 130 years' reputation of the past, but continue to grow in favour, as, he was happy to say, it had done since its enlargement, reduction in price, and the introduction of modern machinery with which the office was now as thoroughly equipped as any in the country, and by means of which the work was rendered more comfortable and easy for everyone (loud applause).

Mr. James O'Halloran proposed the health of the Proprietors in a brief speech. He mentioned that though their employers did not come into personal contact with them they all knew of their courtesy and kindness, and that kindness had been shown through the intermediaries of their Manager on many occasions. They had had their hours of labour shortened, and yet the work was just as well done, which showed the result of good management. They were deeply grateful for the Christmas which every man received on the previous Saturday, and again for that beautiful entertainment and pleasant time they were having (applause). They felt it their duty to do all they could for such employers, and there was not a man on the staff who would not do his very utmost for those by whom they were so kindly treated. As for the improvements which had been made during the last 12 months they had made the life of the compositor a happy one—not like the policeman's daughter. Mr. Baldwin, Mr. McNamara, and Mr. T. O'Halloran, briefly endorsed these observations, and, to the toast was drunk with musical honours. Mr. T. O'Halloran proposed the health of "The Reporters," which was acknowledged by Messrs Baldwin and Bradley.

If some of the country correspondents could have heard the humorous speech of Mr. J. Ryan, he proposed "Our Correspondents," they would make a special effort to render their contributions to the compositor. In harmony

R. Pigott, J.P. Chairman, presiding) to consider what action may be taken with reference to petitions lodged against the Rathkeale Rural District Labourers' Order, 1901. The following members of the Council were present—Messrs R. C. Langford, J.P., M. Naughton, J. Neville, J. Reidy, T. Cusack, J. Leahy, J. Gallagher, J. M. Donovan, J. Nolan, P. L. O'Sullivan, M. O'Neill, J. Fitzgerald, M. Kennedy, M. Enright, James Sheehy, M. Feehony, M. O'Halloran, R. Esberry, M. Wall, T. McDonnell, J. Molloy.

Mr. John F. Cosgreave, Board's Solicitor, and Mr. F. C. Hartigan, B.E., were also in attendance.

The Clerk said that the meeting was summoned in compliance with an urgent circular from the Local Government Board in reference to twenty-seven petitions lodged against portion of the Rathkeale Rural District Labourers' Order, 1901. The District Council were empowered by section 12, sub-section 3 of the Labourers' Ireland Act to appear before the Privy Council in support of the Provisional Order, and it was for the Council to consider what steps they would take in the matter, and whether they would abandon their proposal to acquire the plots of land objected to or support the Provisional Order before the Privy Council.

After a lengthened discussion, it was unanimously agreed to appear in support of the Provisional Order.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. MAURICE DUNNE.

The great concourse of people which accompanied the remains of the late Mr. Maurice Dunne to their last resting place in Kilfergus Churchyard a couple of days ago, bore ample testimony to the great respect in which the deceased was held by the people of Glin and the countryside. Notwithstanding all that a loving mother's care and best medical skill could do, the end, which was not unexpected, took place at an early hour on last Saturday.

The clergy who attended the obsequies were—Ven. Archdeacon Roche, P.P., Rev. C. M. McCarthy, C.C., and Rev. J. Conway, C.C.

The chief mourners were—Michael and John Dunne (brothers), Miss Fitzgerald, Miss Bridget Fitzgerald (aunts), Messrs. Maurice, Michael and Patrick Fitzgerald (uncles), Miss Catherine O'Shaughnessy and Miss Maggie O'Shaughnessy (cousins), Messrs. P. O'Shaughnessy, M.C.C.; J. O'Shaughnessy (3), P. O'Shaughnessy (2), T. O'Shaughnessy (3); M. J. O'Shaughnessy, C.D.S.; Maurice Fitzgerald, Assistant Sec. C.C.; D. Fitzgerald, Loughill; J. P. Fitzgerald, Maurice Fitzgerald, Sec. Glin D.S.; P. Fitzgerald, P. J. Fitzgerald; W. Fitzgerald; J. G. Fitzgerald, Daniel Fitzgerald, John M. Elligott (cousin).

The attendance of the general public was very large and fully representative; and the Knight of Glin, Major Kiggell, and Mr. Blennerhassett sent carriages.

NEW IRISH LAND BILL.

The "Daily News" says—It is confidently stated in well-informed circles in Dublin that an Irish Land Bill is in preparation which provides an equivalent to compulsory purchase. The terms are said to be that the tenant is to buy at seventeen years' purchase, and the landlord to sell at twenty years' purchase, the State providing for the payment of the three years' difference. The prosecution of speakers at the meetings of the United Irish League is regarded as the sure and certain harbinger of remedial legislation, which the United Irish League organisation and the compulsory land purchase agitation have rendered a question of necessity to the Government.

THE RECENT FIRE AT LAIRD'S.—We notice the premises at Laird's occupied by the oil and colour department, have been enlarged and extended further back, thereby making them more commodious and adding to the general appearance of the establishment. The stock of soaps, candles,

MEET AT GLENWILLIAM CASTLE.

On Tuesday the meet of the Jimerick Hour was at Glenwilliam Castle, where a joyful Xmas greeting was extended to all present by Mr. a Mrs. T. D. Atkinson, who also dispensed hospitality in their usual happy style of doing things full flowing glasses beneath the shadow of a flag which for a thousand years has proudly braved the battle and the breeze. After many happy returns of the season was tendered to popular and sporting Squire of Glenwilliam and his amiable consort, a move was made to a piece of gorse adjoining Glenwilliam demesne which proved foxless. Heathfield was next appealed to, and failed to respond. Then jogged to Castletown Conyers, where a good old dog was quickly on his pins. After a ring round the park he ventured out in the open and pointed the direction of Glenwilliam; at a speckled pace he crosses the range of hills north of Castletown—

Not in vain the distance he roams,
What's that skirting the hill side,
'Tis the fox I'll bet a hundred,
Forward, forward, let us ride.

I'm before them tho' they curse me,
Yet, no master, go along,
Better fifty yards beside the hound's
Than ten behind the throng.

Away over the Glenwilliam road through Ballyno, he again retraces his steps to his fox abode, but quickly forced away by the village of Castletown Conyers, over the Charleville road through Graigue, and enters Dargan's gorse; able to find shelter he was viewed away at eastern side running parallel to the Brurea for some distance, then turning sharply to north he ran through Lisduane gorse, where fresh fox was on his pins, who, I understand, gave a long run in the afternoon. Particulars of which are not to hand.

Amongst those out I noticed—The Master (Captain F. W. Wise), Mr. Jasper T. White B.L., Nantenan; Mr. A. E. Bannatyne, M. Bannatyne, Master Bannatyne, Mr. T. D. Atkinson and Miss Atkinson, Glenwilliam Castle; Misses McDonnell (2), Mrs. Conyers, Miss Conyers, Miss Conyers, Mr. R. Coplen-Langford, W. Harding; Mr. R. O'Grady, Mr. O'Donnell, D. Hedderman, Mr. D. G. Conyers, Mr. Maxwell Captain R. Curling, Mr. Sheehy, Mr. O'Brien, Montford Westropp, Mrs. Westropp, Clifford, Mr. P. J. Mulcahy, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Bourke, Mr. T. Hayes, etc.

THE BOY ON FOOT

The winter has set in with unusual severity, those who suffer from weak chest, asthma, etc., would do well to call at Laird's see their stock of Chest Protectors, Hot-water Bottles, Cough Remedies and Asthma Cure, latter at 6d per tin is most efficacious in immediately relieving spasmodic attacks, both Asthma and Bronchitis—Medical Hall, 118 George Street—ADVT.

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