

ble way, the venerable antiquity of it is the influence of the past preponderates. all the periods of its chequered career, e of its occupation by the Legions of Rome has left upon it the most indelible interesting marks. The invasion of Britain by the Romans took place the great commander Julius Caesar, fifty years before the Christian era, and from that until about the year 430 A.D., the was a Roman province. The Romans cry emphatically, a military people, and where Chester now stands would seem very strongly commended itself to them peculiarly eligible one for an important permanent camp. In fact, the principal of England grew from the camp to the it as Chester did. There is interesting of this fact in the very names of many ant towns, in which we find the Latin or camp, "castra" incorporated in a bed form, such as Chester, Winchester, ter, Doncaster. Whether the Roman rs found a town actually existing on the Chester, or not, is a question which has much debated, and one to no definite and certain answer can now on. Personally, I would say that if the ancestors of the incomparable salmon are been transferred from the Dee to my est table, affected that river in those al days, there must have been at least a collection of Druid fishermen's huts. oman conquerors gave to Chester the name of Deva, a term the origin of which difficult if not impossible to discover. ce would appear to have become one of military importance, which is proved by et of its being the permanent head- rs of the celebrated Twentieth Legion, ank regiment of the Roman troops. st the most remarkable relics of the i occupation, which still exist in Chester, e town walls the crypto, the baths, and tive altars. The latter have been brought t by excavations at different periods, and is little doubt but that further "finds" so be made. Such invaluable objects are carefully deposited in the Grosvenor m, a splendid building erected for the se by one of the Dukes of Westminster, palatial residence, Eaton Hall is in the late neighbourhood of the city. The walls are practically perfect and unim- and to walk all round their circuit on ammit is an experience the pleasure of is not likely soon to be forgotten. The is of the Roman baths are exceedingly in- ing, if you don't mind divesting yourself ur summer finery, and doing some un- ed crawling down under ground among a square red sandstone pillars about two gh. These baths seem to me to bear unconscious testimony to the truth of on's rather melancholy dictum, that there ing new under the sun, for in them you original specimens of our modern Turkish pure and simple. The votive altars in rosvenor Museum are wonderfully interest- nd most of the Latin inscriptions on them sharp and fresh as if cut a month ago. arvings and designs also seem to me to

THE EVILS OF MONEY LENDING.

29 Old Queen street,
Westminster,
26th September, 1901.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

SIR,—In view of the failure of the Money Lending Act of 1900 to suppress the evils of usury, I have entered upon a second "crusade" with the object of securing the passage of an amending Act in the next Parliamentary Session. On the 1st of November next, I am issuing a detailed statement to the public in proof that a new measure is urgently necessary.

As I am anxious to make my case as complete as possible, I shall be glad to hear in confidence from persons who have been unfairly treated by usurers, from solicitors who have acted on behalf of aggrieved borrowers, and from all others who can in any way assist me in the cause of reform.

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS FARROW

FUNERAL OF THE REV. JOHN GLEESON, P.P.

The interment of this esteemed clergyman, whose death cast a gloom over Dromcolloher and district, took place after Office and High Mass, in the vault prepared in the Church on Tuesday.

His Lordship the Bishop of Limerick presided at the ceremonies, and recited the last prayers. A great gathering of friends from Bruff, Croom, Limerick and Newcastle West thronged the Church, and universal sorrow was apparent, many weeping and sobbing audibly.

At the High Mass Rev. Stephen Connolly, C.C. (nephew), was celebrant; Rev. John Breen, C.C., Adm., Bruree, deacon; Rev. John Reeves, C.C., Bruff, sub-deacon; Rev. G. Culhane, C.C., Killeedy, Master of Ceremonies; Rev. John Murphy, C.C., Rathkeale, and Rev. J. W. O'Shea, Castle- mahon, were chanters.

The Chief Mourners were: Rev. S. Connolly, C.C. (nephew); Timothy Gleeson, Greybridge, Stephen Gleeson, Bohergiela (brothers); Stephen Joseph Gleeson, Bohergiela, and Ed. Connolly (nephews); Thomas Connolly (brother-in-law).

The attendance of clergymen and the general public was extremely large.

PATRICKSWELL PETTY SESSIONS

The above monthly Sessions were held on Tuesday, before Mr. Heard, R.M. (presiding), Colonel Westropp, Colonel Finch, Mr. Harding, and Mr. Noonan.

A CANDID ADMISSION.

Sergeant M'Gauran, Ballinacurra, summoned James Fitzgerald, publican, Mungret, for a breach of the Licensing Act on Sunday, the 1st Sept.

Mr. Gaffney, Limerick, defended.

The Sergeant swore that at 10.20 o'clock on the night in question he observed a woman named Mrs. Donovan go to the door of defendant's licensed premises and knock; he heard Mr. Fitzgerald ask "who is there," and the woman replied "a friend and traveller," and she was admitted; after she came out defendant's servant girl followed her.

MR. HORACE KILMURRY was their report on the Liscanno detailed scheme is placed before and there is evinced a will in Authority to contribute ther he judged on its merits, beneficial, will be supported. He also pointed out that administered by the Depart congested area.

A REFUND

The Secretary submitted e from the Commissioners of V for the sum of £780 16s. County from the Local Taxa spect of certain charges for March last. The amount req the county for certain under te of 6d. in the £ on the ar sum of £1,561 12s. 11d., one be repaid out of the Local. The schedule attached specifi to be:—pier and quay at C. Harbour at Seafield, maint and South and West Clare and the refunds to the Count Clonderalaw, parishes of Kill Kilmurry, £55 16s. 6d.; bar 9s. 4d.; barony of Moyarta, latter amount £101 15s. 11d. District of Kilmursh.

Several members expressed at this refund.

THE ROAD

A resolution was received No. 2 District, calling on t to furnish them with a return money expended on each roa the past 12 months, the num employed, and the amount c on each road separately, and the amount of balance to the

It was referred to the Cot

The Secretary also read a by the Scariff District Counc Mr. Thomas Scanlan, V.C., the County Council had t Council with the utmost dis plying to, or even acknowle queries, viz., what balance, credit of the Scariff District the financial years March, 18 also how did the County S estimate of £2,000 for the ca Council for the year Mar County Council demand not is only £1,100, we therefore to bring the matter before t Clare County Council, and financial condition of this the reason why we were n usual half-yearly abstracts o Expenditure."

Mr. McDermott strongly formation, and the County S statement, when the matte Committee.

"A POSSIBLE PRO

A communication signe O'Callaghan's Mills, w s r alleged transaction at a late District Council, in whic tenders were withdrawn in adopted price, which was times the amount of the lov the writer was one of the that a money consideration in order that some of the te drawn, and when he heard parties he would report the Council.

On the suggestion of Mr I to refer the matter to th