

the matter than any other local... in the city, this being due to... the *Chronicle* columns are wider... of any of our contemporaries. By... advertisers, as well as readers... opportunity, which we are sure... be slow to take advantage of.

SPAIGHT & SONS.

DEPARTURE OF MR. FERGUSON.
A large number of our readers who have been assured of doing business with the old firm of Francis Spaight and Sons, Ltd., will be sorry to hear of the retirement of Mr. J. Ferguson, Managing Director, who has been connected with the firm for over 40 years. He may be rightly called the "father" of the timber trade in Ireland. Mr. Ferguson will be succeeded in the Directorate of the Company by Mr. Lattimer, who has been manager for many years for Francis Spaight and Sons, Ltd., as Mr. Ferguson as general manager. He is, although comparatively a young man, well known in the timber trade circles in Ireland. He served his apprenticeship in the firm of James P. Cory and Company, Ltd., and has been in the south of Ireland for many years. He has renewed success to both Francis Spaight and Sons, Limited, and Mr. Lattimer is the Editor of the *Journal*, London.

ART FOR XMAS.

of the enormous quantity of English, and other art productions specially for Xmas and New Year use, which is being issued, Messrs. Guy and Co. have made it their business to ensure that those desirous of maintaining the art of the country even in this direction have every opportunity of doing so. The house at Cork has issued a complete series of most beautiful cards, printed in gold and colours, which are equal to many of the best designs from the Continent. Not only have they been produced, but they were also designed there. Truly, true Irish art has been laid under the axe, and there is not one specimen which does not attain some of the delicate tracery and which is so distinctive of the ancient country. Another feature of all is that the designs are printed in Irish as well as in English. As the prices range from 2d. upwards, something to suit all pockets, and no doubt there will be a great demand for these cards, and really beautiful cards.

BRAVE IRISHMAN HONOURED.

A gold medal of the Royal Humane Society has been awarded to Mr. Edward McCarthy of the Waterford road, Waterford, for his gallant services in Mauritius in March last. A steamer was wrecked outside the harbour at Port Louis, and Mr. McCarthy, whose vessel was in port, volunteered, with other crew, to make the harbour at Port Louis safe. He made the attempt was swamped in heavy surf, and three men drowned, including Mr. McCarthy, being the only one more dead than alive. Seven were on board the wrecked steamer were rescued.

CHIEF LAND COMMISSIONER.

The Hon. Mr. Meredith and Commissioner the Hon. Mr. Fitzgerald, K.C., sat as a Land Commission...

of the Protestant Aid Society, begs to acknowledge having received the following subscriptions towards the Fuel Fund—Fred T. Finch, £2; Rev John Thomas Waller, £1; Octavia Wallace, J.P., £3 3s; Mrs Ronald Vickers, £2.

HAIRDRESSERS' ASSOCIATION.—At a meeting of the Limerick Hairdressers' Association on Thursday night, Mr. J. Quaid presiding, that gentleman was elected president, Mr. J. Ryan, hon. sec., and Mr. M. Ryan treasurer. The following were elected on the committee—Messrs M. Spring, J. Cusack, S. Whittaker, J. Griffin, F. Short, J. Bannafield. Also present were—Messrs P. Sheridan, T. Andrews, P. Franklin, C. Rodgers, J. Hughes, L. O'Brien, M. Conway, A. Mullen, W. Smitthers, A. Kittler, R. Short.

DEATH OF MR MICHAEL SHEEHY.—A great deal of regret is felt by many friends at the death of Mr Michael Sheehy, one of the Swivel Bridge men, who died on Friday from an affection of the throat, from which he had been suffering for some time. Deceased had been some 25 years in the employment of the Harbour Commissioners, and was highly respected by all with whom he came in contact. The funeral which took place this afternoon, was attended by the Harbour employees and very many of the general public.

PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL AMONG THE JEWS.—The Rev. S. D. Hillman, as Deputation of the British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Jews, will deliver a lecture in the Baptist Chapel, Military Road, on Monday evening, November the 4th, at 8 o'clock. The subject of the lecture will mainly consist of:—"The Jews, their world-wide dispersion, national identity"; "Southern Palestine or Judea"; "Central Palestine or Samaria"; "Northern Palestine or Galilee," with an interesting explanation and account of the cities, villages, towers, tombs, holy places, and Eastern life. A notice appears in our advertising columns and an enjoyable evening may be expected. The Chair will be taken by Pastor David Henderson.

CARPENTERS' STRIKE.

EFFORTS AT A SETTLEMENT.

Two conferences between the deputation appointed by the Corporation and the master builders took place to-day at the Chamber of Commerce. Certain important points were reserved for more mature consideration, and the conference adjourned to 10.30 on Monday.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN EYRE LLOYD.

THE NEWS IN RATHKEALE.

When the painful news was received in Rathkeale this morning announcing the sad and untimely death of that gallant and popular young officer, Captain Eyre Lloyd, deep and heartfelt sorrow was felt by all classes at his sad ending on the distant African veldt. Deceased, who was a general favourite with Rathkeale folks, was the only son and heir of Major General Lloyd, D.L., Beechmount House, Rathkeale, and great-grandson of the late Thomas Lloyd, the well-known and eminent King's Counsel, who was for many years Recorder of Limerick city and county. Deceased was an ardent sportsman, and a well-known and fearless rider with the Limerick Hounds. The poor of Rathkeale and adjoining districts have reason to mourn his loss. To his gallant and bereaved father and mother the heartiest sympathy is extended by all in this their hour of sorrow.

COUNTY LIMERICK HOUNDS.

Owing to the lamented death of Captain Eyre...

LIMERICK FREE LIBRARY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE:

DEAR SIR—Judging by an article which appeared in your journal some time since, and from other indications, there appears to be a considerable amount of misapprehension existing as to the working of the Free Library of this city. By the Acts of Parliament constituting Free Libraries the management is entrusted to the Town Council of the town where they are adopted. In the case of Limerick the Town Council named a Committee consisting of all its members, and to them they added a large number of people of different grades and religious persuasions of the city. That Committee appointed a Sub-Committee composed of a few members to whom full powers were given to manage the Institution. They also, belong to different religious beliefs, and they have at all times carried on the work in perfect harmony. Up to the present, nearly five thousand volumes of books have been procured for lending out and reference, and a large number of periodicals, and newspapers are placed on the tables of the reading-rooms for public use.

In course of time it was found that the expenditure exceeded the available income, and it was decided to dispense with some periodicals and newspapers that had been in use. Certain of these were given up accordingly, as being frivolous and unsuitable. It need not be said that the *Irish Times* was not of the number. That journal, the *London Times*, the *Daily News*, and many others have been at all times, and are now taken in. All this can be seen on reference to the list subjoined to the annual reports published by the Library Committee.

Among the books published it was found that some were of a character not suited to be read by young people. These, amounting to eight or ten, were withdrawn from circulation.

In conclusion, it may be confidently stated that, having regard to the quality of its books, to its economical management, and its general success, it can compare favourably with any similar Institution in the United Kingdom.

Yours obediently,
JAMES FROST, Chairman of Committee.

THE COMPOSITOR'S FREAK.

At the City Petty Sessions yesterday John Forsythe, compositor, was charged on remand with firing a revolver in the Post Office Lane on Saturday last under circumstances already fully reported in the *Chronicle*.

D. I. Hetreed, who prosecuted, said he could not find where the bullet went, and he did not think a jury would convict on the present charge. He therefore asked that the accused be bound to the peace until such time as he (Mr. Hetreed) would prefer a charge against him of carrying arms without a licence.

The application was granted, and the defendant put under a rule of bail, himself in £20 and two sureties of £10 each.

Mr. Fogerty, solicitor, appeared for the defence.

ART FOR THE HOME.

The second part of Cassell and Co's, "The Nation's Pictures" is even better than the first. Each part contains 4 exquisite reproductions of oil paintings accompanied by descriptive letterpress. Each picture is about 10 x 7, a size suitable either for framing or the portfolio, and each one is accompanied by descriptive letterpress. How they can be produced for the money is a marvel, but their cheapness will enable even the very poorest to have in their houses specimens of true art, while for those who chose to keep the pictures in the neat and effective portfolio in which they are sent out, the series will form a handsome volume of perennial interest. The cost of each part is seven-pence only.