

the oath, or would he, as a good many people do, take it for the sake of the "honour" to be got, with a mental reservation against keeping it.

"A FREEMAN" AND A GENTLEMAN.

Those, for instance, who are "honoured" with the freedom of a city have perforce to take the oath, or the conferring of the freedom is merely a farce as in the case of ex-President Kruger and Miss Maude Gonne, neither of whom complied with this absolutely essential portion of the honour. Many on whom the honour has been conferred have presumably held this mental reservation judging by their after deeds and words.

A WORD FOR CYCLING LADIES.

The danger of carrying parcels loosely hanging from the handle-bar, cannot be too strongly impressed upon those addicted to this habit. Carrying a parcel in this way appears quite safe so long as the rider has a straight course, but should any obstruction appear in the road, and he or she have to steer rather sharply to right or left, as the case may be, it is the simplest thing in the world for the knee to catch the parcel, and to jam it up against the handle-bar, thus throwing the steering out of control. Parcels carried on the handle-bars should be properly and firmly fixed in the centre. There is then no danger.

CYCLE STEALING.

Cycle stealing is quite a prosperous business among the evil disposed. The reason is the old one, i.e., that cyclists are extremely careless in leaving their machines about and thus place temptation in the way of those who wobble on the line which parts honesty from dishonesty. The leaving of a cycle unattended by the roadside in a busy thoroughfare is really nowadays, culpable negligence. There are any number of efficient, cheap and light locks which could be slipped round the fork and wheel and thus ensure the safety of the machine. People have themselves only to blame in many cases in which their machines are stolen.

FOREIGN BUTTER.

Everyone knows that the imports of butter from Continental countries are enormous, and steadily increasing year by year. Most people will, however, be surprised to hear that of the quarter of a million tons (and more) of butter consumed in the United Kingdom last year, over one half, or about 140,000 tons, came from foreign countries. Denmark as usual headed the list of these contributing sources of supply, with France, Holland, Russia, Sweden, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries next in order. Of the total of 140,000 tons so imported, Denmark sent almost one-half, or as much as any of the other five countries put together. This is all the more remarkable seeing that Denmark is such a very small country, but still the keenest rival of the Irish butter export trade.

IRISH LACE INDUSTRY.

It may not be generally known (remarks the *Drapers' Record*) that lace-making was introduced

a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Vandeleur."

DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN.

The death took place at Askeaton, County Limerick, on the 15th instant of Barbara O'Loughlin, who had attained the wonderful age of 104 years. The deceased lady, who belonged to a highly respected country family, was in good health and in full possession of her faculties till a short time of her death. She passed away at the residence of her grand niece, Mrs. Fitzgibbon.

STRIKE AT A BISCUIT FACTORY.

Yesterday about eighty girls employed in the wrapping and boxing department of Geary's Biscuit Factory struck work, and were followed in their action by a number of boy employes in the baking department. One of the reasons assigned for the dispute is that the employees were dissatisfied with an arrangement made that they should be paid by piece work, their contention being that the weekly wage system which was hitherto adopted paid better. Another reason given for dissatisfaction is that the employees had some misunderstanding with the gentleman in charge, who is said to be German. It appears that the strike occurred without the knowledge of the managing director, Mr. Geary, who probably would have been able to arrange matters satisfactorily to all parties had the situation been explained to him. As a result the firm has advertised for 100 girls to replace those on strike. It is probable, however, that a settlement will be arrived at. The firm is one of the largest in Ireland, and a continuance of the dispute would lead to a serious dislocation of business. The strike is still unsettled.

THE FUNERAL OF MRS. WALLER.

The names of Major Kiggel and Captain Harkness were inadvertently omitted from the list of those attending the funeral of the late Mrs. Waller. In the absence of the Knight of Glin his carriage met the steamer at Foynes conveying Mrs. Waller's remains from Kilkee and joined the funeral cortege.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously at the meeting of the Limerick County Council held on Saturday. Proposed by Mr. Robert Pigott, seconded by Mr. John Coleman, and resolved:—"That we, the members of the Limerick County Council, desire to place on record our most sincere sympathy with our highly-esteemed fellow member, Mr. William Waller, on the great loss he has sustained by the demise of his mother, and we hereby tender to that gentleman our heartfelt condolence in his sad bereavement."

MILITARY.

The details of the 5th Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers numbering about 120, stationed for some time past at the Depot, Tralee, arrived in Limerick this morning at 11 o'clock by special train.

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THE LATE LIEUT.-COL. ELY.—P. been granted of the will of the late Alfred Ely, of Greyfoot, Clonm who died on the 5th October '98, of the Retreat, Clonmel, and the late Colonel Ely has been valued 10d gross and £1,469 12s 10d net.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—A police M. Cormack met with a serious accident evening in the simplest manner. on a chair writing a letter when absent-mindedness he fell off, the a very severe fracture of one of Shanahan attended the injured subsequently removed to Barrington.

QUICK DISCHARGE.—The number "Thomas Wayman" (steamer) of Loup, Quebec, for Francis Spaw Limited, Limerick, amounted to 1,065, as reported by us last week steamer was discharged in a record time—viz., 40 hours, which speaks rick as a port of discharge.—*Timber*

FORTHCOMING IRISH MARRIAGE 23rd a marriage will take place youngest son of Mr. T. G. Foster and the daughter of the late Mr. Park, Mallow, County Cork. Colonel and Mrs. Howell, Co married in December to Mr. W. Assinifois, Canada, fifth son of the Fitzgerald, of Knockrour, County.

ALLEGED INFANTICIDE.—The body of a child of about six weeks or two months been found some feet from the by at Friarstown Grange, Bruff, covered it. The face and portions were eaten away as if by rats. had been knotted tightly around the body was tied to a stone. making inquiries into the matter.

"GEOGRAPHY READER OF IRELAND" W. and R. Chambers, the well-known of London and Edinburgh, have 7d net) a neatly got up book Geography Reader of Ireland." bers' publications it is excellent and as a means of introducing knowledge of the country, its legends and poetry to the little be better. The illustrations are

SERIOUS ASSAULT ON A WIFE—lam of Roscrea, has arrested M'Donnell, who is charged committed a savage assault on her legged that in the course of a day knocked the woman down and while she was lying helpless breaking her arm and inflicting injuries. The woman was removed house hospital, where her deposition before Dr. Somers, J.P., who rem to Limerick gaol for a week.

"COLLINGWOOD" G

His Majesty's ship "Collingwood" the Shannon this morning, and Tarbert Roads. Four hours steamed up to Foynes, where s Guardship for a couple of "Collingwood" is a first class b