

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... sure of doing business with the old... firm of Francis Spaight and Sons, Ltd... will be sorry to hear of the retirement... as J. Ferguson, Managing Director... connected with the firm for over 40... who may be rightly called the "father"... r trade in Ireland. Mr. Ferguson will... on the Directorate of the Company... Lattimer, who has been manager for... ars for Francis Spaight and Sons... ds Mr. Ferguson as general manager... or although comparatively a young... known in the timber trade circles in... ing served his apprenticeship in the... James P. Cory and Company, Ltd.,... and has been in the south of Ireland... years.
 renewed success to both Francis... Sons, Limited, and Mr. Lattimeris... *Times Journal*, London.

ART FOR XMAS.

of the enormous quantity of English... and other art productions specially... Xmas and New Year use, which is... ing, Messrs. Guy and Co. have made it... that those desirous of maintaining the... try even in this direction have every... of doing so. The house at Cork has... ed a complete series of most beautiful... ds, printed in gold and colours, which... al to many of the best designs from... de. Not only have they been pro... rk, but they were also designed there... ly, true Irish art has been laid under... a, and there is not one specimen which... attain some of the delicate tracery and... which is so distinctive of the ancient... country. Another feature of all is that... igs are printed in Irish as well as... As the prices range from 2d. upwards... mething to suit all pockets, and no... e will be a great demand for these... and really beautiful cards.

BRAVE IRISHMAN HONOURED.

r medal of the Royal Humane Society... in awarded to Mr. Edward McCarthy... sus road, Waterford, for his gallant... Mauritius in March last. A steam... ng to make the harbour at Port Louis... reef outside, the seas making a clean... r her. McCarthy, whose vessel, the... was in port, volunteered, with other... try and reach her, but the boat im... made the attempt was swamped in... ous surf, and three men drowned... der, including McCarthy, being... shore more dead than alive. Seven... se on board the wrecked steamer were

CHIEF LAND COMMISSIONER.

ice Meredith and Commissioner the... d Fitzgerald, K.C., sat as a Land Com-

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; Octavias Wallace, J.P.,... £3 3s; Mrs Ronald Vickers, £2.

HAIRDRESSERS' ASSOCIATION.—At a meeting of... the Limerick Hairdressers' Association on Thurs... day night, Mr. J. Quaid presiding, that gentle... man 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 even... ing, November the 4th, at 8 o'clock. The... subject of the lecture will mainly consist of:—... "The Jews, their world-wide dispersion, n... ational identity"; "Southern Palestine or... Judea"; "Central Palestine or Samaria";... "Northern Palestine or Galilee." with an in... teresting 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 ap... pointed by the Corporation and the master... builders took place to-day at the Chamber of... Commerce. Certain important points were re... served 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-grand... son 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 ap... peared in your journal some time since, and from... other indications, there appears to be a consider... able amount of misapprehension existing as to the... working of the Free Library of this city. By... the Acts of Parliament constituting Free Libra... ries 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 dif... ferent 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 per... fect 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 expen... diture 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 subjoin... ed 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 Insti... tution 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 letter... press. Each picture is about 10 x 7, a size suit... able 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 perenni... al interest. The cost of each part is seven-pence only.

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