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The Mulling (Kent) Guardians had before them on Thursday the case of Edward Jeffrey, an octogenarian, who had worked as an agricultural labourer in one parish for nearly 60 years, and had been married 59 years, and who on Monday last was charged with attempted suicide owing to his inability to obtain work. The old man, who bore an excellent character, had become very despondent at his failure to obtain work, and found that 3s. weekly poor relief allowed him was not suffi-cient to keep him and his wife out of the workhouse. The master of the workhouse reported to the guardians that, as a result of the newspaper reports of the case, a number of remittances had been received for the old man. A gentleman living in Cavendish-squdre, London, had offered to make an ullowance of 10s. a week for life to Jeffrey and his wife, and also to provide a cottage for them on his estate near Brighton. The board directed certain inquiries to be made concerning Jeffrey, in order that the case might be dealt with at the next meeting.

#### ABOUT DRINKING

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# " A GREAT CANTEEN MONOPOLY."

There has been a good deal of string pulling in connection with the composition of the Committee on Army Canteens which has just commenced its sittings, so a correspondent in the *Times* alleges.

Strenuous efforts have been made to push forward a scheme whereby the War Office should take over the business of the Canteen and Mess Co-operative Association, and that the whole business of canteen supply should become a great War Office monopoly run by army officers on co-operative lines—a system, it is said, open to grave objections.

It has now transpired that majority of the members are strenuous advocates of such a sheme,

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# DEATH OF MR. MICHAEL HIGGINS, J.P.

We much regret to hear of the death, which occurred at the County Infirmary, Ennis, on Monday, as the result of an accident, of Mr. Michael Higgins, J.P., of Seamount, Liscannor. He had been some three weeks in the Institution, and as no doubt of his ultimate recovery was entertained, the news of his domise came as an unexpected shock to his many friends throughout Clare. The accident consisted of a broken leg, and was sustained in an extraordinary manner. It appears that one morning as Mr. Higgins was walking in his grounds, he accidentally trod on an iron hoop, and slipping he fractured one leg badly. He was at once removed to the County Infirmary, and seemed to have been progressing favourably, when he suddenly sank and expired on Monday. Mr. Higgins was for many years a well-known and successful Solicitor in West Clare, but retired on his being appointed to the Commission of the Peace some years ago. He was universally liked and esteemed for his genial and amiable disposition. The remains were removed on Wednesday for interment at the family burial place at Liscannor.

#### DEATH OF MRS. BOURKE.

We regret to announce the death, at her residence, Tiermore House, Co. Limerick, of Mrs. Bourke, widow of the late Mr. T. Bourke. Mrs. Bourke, who was highly esteemed by all who knew her, was daughter of the late Mr. J. Leonard, Listowel, great-grand-daughter of the late Mr. G. Stack, of Ballyconry, and of Captain Church, of Gurtenard, and closely connected to all the feading Kerry county families. We tender to the relatives of our old and esteemed subscriber our warmest sympathy in their bereavement, a sympathy which, we are sure, will be shared in by all who knew the fine qualities of heart and head which so endeared her to kindred and friends.

#### HOW TO PRONOUNCE THE NAME METHUEN.

A correspondent says that the name originally was Scotch, and it is derived from the parish of Methven, in Strathmore, Perthshire, of old spelt 'Methuen,' which tract was long owned by the senior branch of the family. His Lordship's patronymic chould be pronounced 'Methven,' or still more sharply 'Mevvn,' and not 'Meth yoo-en' or 'Meth-oo-en,' as it commonly is.

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