

#### PENSION FUND.

connection with the Irish National Teachers' Pension Fund, a return has just been presented to the Government with a view of showing the present position in which the fund stands. The balances to the credit of the fund on 31st December, 1902, are as follows:—Securities, £849,655 0s 4d (stock) and £10,000 in cash. The ordinary pensions during the year amounted to £13,030 12s 11d; model pensions and supplementary pensions, £753 2s 2d; widows' pensions, £4,638 14s 9d; additional pensions, £1,198 19s 8d. The endowment stands—Ordinary endowment, £39,091 19s 8d; model school pensions, £1,250 2s 2d; disablement pensions, £2,839 11s 5d; transferred to capital account for investment, £1,373 8s; balance on 31st December, 1902, £17,178 2d.

#### OTHER CHANCE FOR TRADE.

Mr. J. J. Ney, in the *Galway Express* is responsible for the statement that "750,000 head of cattle are sent from Ireland every year. A large number of these find their way to England, but an immense number to Scotland, from whence, after a short period, they are sent to London, duly branded "Prime Scotch Beef." The same writer says:—"We know the great deterioration of the meat in transit, amounting to as much as £2 upwards per head, between, say, central Ireland and England, consequently I would say that this money and send the carcasses direct to the market. It would pay to put a vessel on this route with proper cold storage equipment capable of carrying 500 carcasses every month. This would be a full cargo, but she should be filled up with building stone and paving sets, for which there is always ready sale in England. This would be a ready way for disposing of the meat and the bye-products could be treated in London and converted into leather, bone dust, &c., &c." Here is a hint for those desirous of fostering home industry.

#### T.S. CONFERENCE.

The Church of Ireland Temperance Conference, held in Tralee on Tuesday, was thoroughly practical, and was successful beyond the highest hopes of the promoters. The large lecture room of the Protestant Hall was filled to excess with as representative and enthusiastic an assembly as could be got together in any provincial town in Ireland, and proved a very pleasing surprise, indeed, to the Lord Bishop of Limerick and the deputation from the C.I.T.S. The addresses and resolutions were to the point and the Conference will give a much-needed impetus to Temperance work all over the Diocese.

#### THOUGHTS FOR TO-NIGHT AND TO-MORROW.

The 'New York Daily News' has just published the only full, complete, and authentic list of Mr. Carnegie's gifts for public purposes. From it we find that the United States has received 63,517,473 dollars; Scotland, 17,713,750 dollars; Miscellaneous gifts, 5,000,000 dollars; Holland, 1,750,000 dollars; England and Wales, 1,354,500 dollars; Dominion of Canada, 1,016,500 dollars; Ireland, 315,000 dollars; Cuba, 252,000 dollars, making a grand total of 90,912,223 dollars. The Irish gifts include—Banbridge library, 5,000 dollars; Cork library, 250,000 dollars; Limerick library, 35,000; Newtownards library, 500 dollars; Waterford library, 25,000 dollars. The 'News' asks—'Will Andrew Carnegie succeed in his endeavour to die poor,' and comes to the conclusion that lavish as his gifts are, unless he considerably increases them, he has no chance of success, for his income is steadily increasing instead of diminishing, and that he is by no means free from the danger of dying with 'millions of available wealth' still in his hands.

#### A SURGICAL MARVEL.

A man who was stabbed through the heart in a street brawl has just been operated on successfully at the London Hospital. The breast cartilage ribs and lungs were temporarily displaced, the wound in the heart was found and washed, and then sewn up, first with catgut and then with silk. The operation occupied an hour and ten minutes, and immediately after there was a marked improvement in the pulse. The patient continues to progress as favourably as can be expected, and hopes are entertained of his ultimate recovery. The operation, though not unique, is sufficiently remarkable to merit mention.

#### DEATH OF MRS. LENIHAN.

We regret to announce the death which occurred yesterday afternoon, of Mrs. Lenihan, relict of the late Mr. Maurice Lenihan, J.P., who was well known as the proprietor of the "Limerick Reporter and Vindicator," and the erudite historian of Limerick. The great ability and research which he displayed in the completion of this work placed the citizens under a deep obligation to him and his respected family. Mrs. Lenihan was a very kindly and most retiring lady, and her demise is sincerely mourned by many friends. The funeral is announced to take place from St. Michael's R.C. Church to-morrow, at 10 o'clock.

#### WINDOW BREAKING IN THE CITY.

Yesterday, before Mr. Hickson, R.M. at the Police Court, William Booth, a private in the King's Liverpool Regiment, was charged with breaking a window in the establishment of the Newcastle Tea Company, William street. It appears that at 1.25 a.m. Nightwatchmen O'Meally and Meany heard a crash, and they found Booth outside the Tea Company's establishment, the window being broken. Booth had a bottle of sweets in his hand, and gave it to one of the Nightwatchmen. He stated that he wanted to get out of the Army. Prisoner was remanded till Friday.

The Dublin University Commended to the Senate to appoint women to the rights of the also approve of the abolition of Greek.

The Great Southern and Western Railway announce special excursion which the Colleen Bawn Fetters particulars will be found in an issue.

The tenth annual Irish Trade held at Newry. A amongst following from Limerick—Mr R. P. O'Connor, Mr. J. Harvey.

The Ennis Old Men's Club Sunday, Mr. "Bob" Daly others out included—Mes O'Halloran, E. Monaghan, Cullinan, and T. Nix, etc.

The following circuit are made:—Munster Circuit—Lord Chief Justice of Ireland Justice Barton. The circuit 1st, 2nd, or 3rd of July.

Mr. J. J. Shee, member has been informed by Mr are; eight Rifle Clubs the National Rifle Association number of members is 36

Lloyd's Cardiff agent that the schooner Ecor been run into and sunk steamer Eagle, of Waterford former were landed at C

A requisition is in the Mayor of Waterford signers of the Corporation, special meeting for the desirability of present

The Dublin Correspondent writes:—"I meeting of the Executive owners' Convention with the condition of affair statement prepared owners."

At the last meeting the following members pointed on the Joint of making arrangements forthcoming Agricultural Chairman, Messrs. H Neylan.

At the monthly meeting Bedford Row Hospital O'Neill, seconded by mously—"That the the Shannon Rowing Scratch Races for the at which they realized

We regret to announce Pownoll W. Phipps Phipps, Knight of India Company's Service The sad event took 30th, at his residence after a lengthened away.

The claims of the by the Newcastle was decided to appoint and have those of the view to an appointment hoped that the law are fair and just proposals to be made

Quin Abbey, an attraction to tourists in particular, which had added