

## THING ABOUT LONDON

### Men and Things.

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#### POLITICAL JOTTINGS BY AN UNPREJUDICED ONLOOKER.

English language seems likely to be set up before the new Parliament gets Metaphors, illustrations, similes, imagery and allegories abound at It has been noticed in a previous column that the following elegant words have been applied lately to political individuals: "Gilt-edged duffers," "crew" men in a ship "without a rudder," "a assassin," "stabber in the cuckoo," "spider," "a will-o'-the-swamp of Protection," and other composed nomenclature.

However, the editors of newspapers search for vigorous parabolic names for set to the Unionist party. It is by one a "deluge," by another a "blizzard," by a fourth "Moscow," etc. Thus an election of the British public by enlarging the of the ordinary reader, who will have and ready to hand, a wide, strong, set of nouns, which will be available in ordinary conversation. Indeed, the need which now causes the working man and his talk with objectionable adjectives will be supplied from the language of the platforms, without the guilt of swear-man, when angry, can call his wife a "tornado," or a "wicked old blizzard," to relieve his feelings without shocking of the religious world. A vigorous gives lessons in English gratis to the of the whole kingdom, and reminds of rotten aphorisms, such as "a good only shakes a rat once," though whether and taste for one politician to refer to in this strain may be open to question, and vulgarity are on intimate terms at time.

Reasons given for the catastrophe to the lines are many and various, but afford a partial explanation. They may be up thus, after being gathered from of my acquaintance:—"The income-tax cause. Who wants to pay a shilling in and in time of peace? We middle-classes long-suffering, but there are limits to patience. If we are too respectable to and agitate, like the working-classes, state we can vote for those who promise us."

The surfer says the members of The order have supplied the momentum business. "Their sermons are political their churches and chapels are clubs, and they have organised themselves as an enormous political machine, constantly set to work against the Education, nese labour, and the taxing of articles. Opposition to these has become a their religion, and has thus gained in until it has evolved a kind of negative held almost fanatically, and insisted on possible with religious fervour. The permiss moral force this generated has before it."

Woman in the railway carriage last week

## DEATH OF DR. R. P. GELSTON.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Dr. Richard Phillips Gelston, second son of our venerable and highly-esteemed fellow-citizen, Dr. R. B. Gelston, which took place on Sunday afternoon at the residence of his father, George Street. The doctor had been suffering from an internal complaint for a considerable time past, but few realised that his premature demise was so near at hand, and the sad news has been received with deep sorrow by a wide circle of friends in Limerick, Clare, and elsewhere. The late Dr. Gelston took his L.R.C.S.I and L.M. Degrees in 1862, and in the following year that of L.R.C.P.I. His first public appointment was that of Assistant Surgeon to the "17 Department Battalion" at Limerick, July, 1864. Some time afterwards he took up professional duty in one of the London hospitals, and subsequently got an important appointment in Buenos Ayres, where he resided for some two years. Returning to this country for the purpose of further qualifying in foreign languages, he was offered the position of Assistant Medical Superintendent of Clonmel District Lunatic Asylum, to which he was appointed by the then Lord Lieutenant in 1870. He held this office for fourteen years, winning the highest opinions of all by his great professional skill, and the humane, generous, and kindly interest he ever—and to the last day of his official life—displayed in the afflicted people under his charge. He carried with him the best wishes of all—officials and the public alike—when in the end of 1884 he proceeded to assume the charge of the Ehnis District Lunatic Asylum. In this much more onerous position of Resident Medical Superintendent, he displayed the same excellent qualities which characterised his administration in Tipperary, and in the capital of Clare he soon became a general favourite in official and private life. Deep regret was felt when, in March, 1899, he resigned on pension owing to ill-health, partly caused by a blow received on the back from one of the patients while in the discharge of his duty. Since his retirement from public life Dr. Gelston, who was unmarried, has largely resided in Limerick with his father, and his fine physique, his kindness of heart, and a retiring manner were familiar amongst us, much more, naturally, than they had been for many previous years, when his professional duties required his sojourn elsewhere. All hoped that Dr. Gelston had many years before him to enjoy his well earned rest from public life. Providence has willed it otherwise, and his premature demise has occasioned the deepest sorrow amongst a wide circle of friends, not alone in his native city, but in the County Clare, where as a gentleman and a thorough sportsman his name will long be remembered with affection by all sections of the community. We sincerely sympathise with his relatives in their bereavement.

The funeral is to leave 58 George street a 10.30 to-morrow morning for the family burial place at St. Munchin's.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

### Parents Prosecuted.

At an adjourned Petty Sessions yesterday, before Messrs. E. F. Hickson, R.M., and P.

## ECZEMA FOR TWO YEARS

Little Girl's Awful Suffering With Terrible Skin Humour. Sleepless Nights for Mother.

### SPEEDY CURE BY CUTICURA

"My little girl had been suffering for two years from eczema, and during that time I could not get a night's sleep, as her ailment was very severe. I had tried so many remedies, deriving no benefit, I had given up all hope. But as a last resort I was persuaded to try Cuticura, and one box of Cuticura Ointment and two bottles of Cuticura Resolvent together with Cuticura Soap, effected a permanent cure.—Mrs. I. B. Jones, Adington, Ind. T."

## LIMERICK HARBOUR BOARD

The fortnightly meeting of this Board held yesterday, the Mayor presiding, present—Sir T. H. Cleeve, W. L. Stokes, Holliday, Alderman O'Brien, W. Whelan.

Messrs. J. Boyd, Secretary; H. V. Morony Harbour Engineer, were in attendance.

#### DOCK TRAFFIC.

The Secretary read the minutes of a special committee, which met to consider the question of widening the narrow quay space under Dock clock, so as to give more scope to traffic. It was recommended that the wall be put back a certain distance, and thus allow greater quay space for loading vessels.

Sir Thomas Cleeve moved the adoption of the minutes, which was seconded by Holliday and agreed to.

Mr. Stokes asked how much would the cost be?

Mr. Morony said about £25.

Sir Thomas Cleeve understood that passages round the sheds were very congested a lot of things being piled up there.

Mr. Morony said the place was sometimes congested while a vessel was being discharged.

Sir Thomas Cleeve—There is sometimes a difficulty in passing there.

#### HARBOUR BYE-LAWS.

A letter was read from the Board of Trade with respect to the Bye-laws adopted by Commissioners with respect to Limerick Harbour, and stating that the print furnished contained several provisions which were in Harbour regulations, and which could not be a penalty attached. They suggested that print should be examined with the view of eliminating all provisions which were not in laws properly speaking. The Board made certain observations on a few of the various provisions.

The matter was referred to the law-agent, CUSTOMS ACCOMMODATION AT DOCK.

A letter was read from Mr. Wright, Collector of Customs, with reference to the Board's proposal to exchange the rooms the Customs present occupy as a watch-house for others in Harbour Master's disused residence. A con-