

Cooperation, which on Monday carried (with their tongues in their cheeks) what is described as the most foolish resolution on record. It was that all the correspondence of the public body should in future be addressed in Irish. It was moved by an ardent Gaelic Leaguer, seconded by another, and carried by a majority of 39 to 4. But the ridiculousness of such a motion comes in when it is remembered that hardly a single one of the Corporation officials knows even the much talked about three books of O'Growney, that they cannot carry out the resolution in effect, and that even if they could, their action would be resented by the great majority of the Council, 90 per cent. of whom are in blissful ignorance of what a labour member once referred to as "the bi-lingual language."

EXCELLENT ADVICE.

In the masterly summing up of Judge Madden, in the now well-known Coleman separation case, his Lordship made use of a few sentences which are worthy of being written in letters of gold and hung in the apartments of every man and woman who thinks of entering upon the holy estate of Matrimony. "There was one thing lacking, but it was the one thing needed. The lady said she never loved her husband, whom she promised at the altar of God to love, honour, and obey. In the happiest married life there are sometimes at the outset difficulties to be overcome, new and intimate relations, new surroundings, sometimes the officious intervention of relatives and friends. A mutual consideration bespoken of real affection converts mountains of difficulties into molehills. It is only too likely that where the union is entered into without love, the result will be that haste, sour discontent, and discord shall destroy that union."

A PERFECT RETREAT FROM THE WORLD.

Who of us is there that doesn't long at some time other to go anywhere, anywhere out of the busy humming world, into a retreat where nothing could trouble us willy nilly, and where complete rest for a jaded mind and body could be obtained. Such places are extremely rare, but there does appear to be one. That is Jethon Island, off which the Channel Islands, and boasts the distinction of being the smallest inhabited island in Europe, having only one dwelling house upon it. It lies midway between Guernsey and Sark, and has a population of about 7 souls. It has no road or way or post; in fact, it is a perfect retreat from the world. Unfortunately the "retreat" even if it is not available, seeing that the accommodation is limited. But what a peaceful, uneventful life it would be lived in a place where pubs, pathways, and pleasures are unknown, and where there is no road to any place.

THREEPENCE BUYS £10.

Threepence was the sum which Henry Marks, of Field road, Nottingham, paid to a dealer for an uncut book entitled "The Britannic Magazine." On opening the book when he reached home, Marks found two pages partly stuck together, and having cut them, two five pound Bank notes of England issued in 1870 fell out.

REMARKABLE DISCOVERY.

SHANNON FATALITY.

FURTHER AID NEEDED.

We understand that although the response on behalf of the families of the five men who were recently drowned in the Shannon has been generous, a good deal more is still wanted, and the Committee will be grateful if intending subscribers will kindly send in their contributions to-morrow or on Saturday morning. It is intended to publish a full list of the names of subscribers in Saturday's papers, and the Committee are anxious that it should be as full as possible. It is a case now of "he who gives quickly gives twice," and it is hoped that the list will be largely added to between this and the time at which the first acknowledgements appear in the Press. Subscriptions may be sent to the Mayor, or Deputy Mayor, or High Sheriff at the Town Hall; Dean Shanshan, Mr. P. Molloy, the President or Secretary of Mechanics' Institute.

FISHGUARD AND SOUTH OF IRELAND CONNECTION.

It is stated on the best authority that the through connection between Fishguard, Rosslare, and the South of Ireland will be an accomplished fact next month, when the opening will take place with great éclat. The Great Western Railway Company intend to leave no stone unturned in order to secure the delivery of the American mails at Fishguard, and it is stated that these mails would then be delivered in London, Manchester, Birmingham, Liverpool, and other large centres in 135 hours after leaving New York.

THE HIBERNIAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

We are asked to call special attention to the Centenary meeting of the above which is to be held to-morrow (Friday) evening in the Havergal Hall, at 8 p.m., under the presidency of the Lord Bishop of Limerick. The Bible Society offer a common platform for members of the Reformed Churches to meet and take counsel together in the sacred work of making known the Gospel to all nations. The meeting is to be addressed by Rev. Mr. B. Dunne, Rector of Goldington, and Rev. D. Hall, Deputation Secretary for Ireland, and a collection will be made for the Centenary Fund. A special Choir under Mr. F. Muspratt will attend.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

The following was passed at a meeting of the Fedamore Race Committee on May 8th:—"That we tender to the Misses Hartigan, Boher House, our most sincere sympathy in the great loss they have sustained by the death of their amiable mother; and we also wish to convey our sympathies to the Misses Hartigan in losing one of the most charitable and loving of mothers, and as such it will be a pleasing consolation to the members of her family to know that she had the good wishes and prayers of a faithful people." At the same meeting it was resolved—"That we tender to Captain White, who has been a generous and kind friend of this Committee, our most sincere sympathy in his sad bereavement caused by the death of his esteemed and charitable mother."

KILRUSH RATES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT). On Tuesday evening, Mr. Keating, Collector of the Kilrush Urban Council, received his warrant for the collection of £846 1s. 10d., plus arrears of rates since last collection, making...

A meeting of the Old Committee was held on Tu... Father McCarthy, C.C., solved to present in fifteen... and guardians failed to... school after being repeated.

HORSE AND CAT

The Executive of the W Horse Show are working... of the project in view, rush, and will issue a detailed few days. Butter, poultry, are to be included. The big... the community have made... contributions, so that on the is absolutely no danger of a funds.

RAILWAY AFFAIR

At the monthly meeting of Council on Tuesday evening... Ryan were appointed a Commi... to the District Council meeting... to select Baronial Direct... railways, and Messrs. W. J. G... J. O'Doherty, J.P., as delegat... representatives of the Council.

KILRUSH RACE

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

The local Race Committee are with Mr. Hector S. Vandeleur, J... of the Cricket Field f... August next. Should the arrang... a splendid track for the s... consequence. This area of open... simply known as a field, is 56... quadrilateral form, and is on t... rounded by a fine belt of timber.

FUNERAL OF REV. CANON

On Monday the funeral of Ca... Delap took place in the Island of... coffin had been placed in the Church... evening after service, and was... beautiful wreaths and flowers, the... children, relatives, parishioners an... Monday the service began at two... Psalms were read by the Rev. Ro... Chaplain in His Majesty's Fleet, and... the Rev. Canon Halloran, Rector of... The chief mourners were—Mrs. D... Miss Delap (sister); W. J. Delap, B... lap, Alfred D. Delap, Captain G... B.A.M.C. (sons); Mrs. Hemphill, Mr... Mrs. Goodwin, Misses Mary, Maud, a... Delap (daughters); Rev. Dr. He... Edmond Robinson, and Singleton G... in-law); and Archibald D. Robinson... The Rev. A. H. Delap, Rector of S... the Ven. Raymond Open, Archdea... fert, conducted the obsequies at th... address being given by the Rev. Di... Rector of Berr.

LIGHTNING FATALITY

Four men took refuge from the Tuesday night in a shed on an all... Emmer Green, near Reading. The... struck by lightning, one of the men... stantly killed, whilst another receiv... severe shock. The two remaining m... suffering from shocks. A straw stack... near Reading, was struck by lightning... out.

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