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no fewer than 152 deaths registered of people who had attained the age of 100 years, 63 of them being men, and 89 women. The question of course arises whether all these people were as old as they thought they were. Some difficulty is experienced in solving this problem owing to the absence of public records for remote periods, but the Registrar-General remarks that in cases where investigation was made, it was found in almost every instance that the age had been correctly reported.

OCCUPIER OR LODGER.

At Bermondsey the point was raised that a person should be permitted to claim as an occupier and alternatively as a lodger. The Revising Barrister ruled that he could not, and probably he is right in law. If the law were clear it would obviously be absurd to allow a man to say, "If I am not an occupier, I am a lodger," and speculative claims would be encouraged; but when a Revising Barrister has great difficulty in saying whether a claimant is an occupier or lodger, surely in such a case the alternative claim might be allowed by Parliament, the most important point after all being that men should not be deprived of votes to which they are entitled.

THOUGHTS FOR TO-NIGHT AND TO-MORROW.

No man ever looked for the dark side of life without finding it.
The earnestness of life is the only passport to the satisfaction of life.

NEWS-NOTES AND NOTIONS.

THE "REASON" FOR IT.

The "Goderich Star" sees through President Roosevelt's little game. He intends to run again, and is carrying favour with the bad spellers, who are a vast majority.

A NOTE FOR TRADERS AND OTHERS.

Advertising is the best tonic for a business that has got a tired feeling.

HOW POOR JEWS LIVE.

The story is told of a rabbi who expounded and interpreted the Jewish law to the faithful observers for a stipend which a junior clerk would scorn. The learned man was asked by a friend how he was getting on. "Slowly," he answered, with a sigh; "but very slowly. If it were not for the numerous fasts which our religion prescribes, I am sure my family would die of starvation."

A COOL ADVERTISEMENT.

The following advertisement appeared last week in a London newspaper:—Will any benevolent person grant advertiser, aged 45, life pension of 30s. weekly. Cannot stand strain of city life, and wishes to retire to a country solitude, away from houses and men. Address in first instance, Pension, Box 9,739.

At Nenagh, on Saturday, Sergeant O'Donnell had a man named John Neville fined 1s. for working a horse while the animal was suffering from a sore breast.

A meeting was held in the Workhouse, Sligo on Saturday for the purpose of reorganising the local branch of the Poor Law Association of Ireland. Dr. Laird presided over a large attendance.

Rev. T. A. Fitzgerald, O.F.M., Waterford, has been transferred to Galway, and is succeeded in Waterford by Rev. Father Gaynor.

The Tipperary Urban Council have granted a site at the western end of the Main street for the erection of a monument to the memory of the Manchester Martyrs.

Very much regret is expressed at the demise of Mr. John Hogan, Murroe, which melancholy event occurred some days ago. He had been ailing but a short time, and his death came as a shock to a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Stephen Malone, Limerick, has been appointed stocktaker to the Cashel Union as a sum of £5. The Local Government Board have sanctioned the appointment.

The funeral of the late Mr. Halpin, Boherbuoy, took place on Sunday and was largely attended. The Boherbuoy Brass Band, with muffled drum, marched in the funeral procession. Much sympathy is felt for the relatives of the deceased who was very highly esteemed.

On Saturday the Countess of Longford gave her annual school at her residence, Pakenham Hall, Westmeath, to the children attending the various parish schools. In all about 250 young folk were present, and a most enjoyable day was spent.

The Very Rev. Dr. Mannix, President of Maynooth College, who has been appointed a Senator of the Royal University, in the room of the late O'Connor Don, is a native of Charleville.

On Saturday evening a thunderstorm accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain prevailed over several of the East Kerry districts. Rain fell very heavy in some places, which had the effect of so 'dening and considerably saturating the land.

Mr. John Redmond, M.P., speaking at Grange County Limerick, on Sunday, said there was never a more critical situation in Irish politics than at present, while they were awaiting the promised Home Rule Bill. The demand for Home Rule stood where it was—a native Parliament freely elected.

Lord Glerawly has won the South of Ireland Golf Championship at the Lahinch golf meeting. He is, curiously enough, the first Irishman who has won the championship for many years. Lord Dunalley, another well-known Irish golfer, has also been playing at the Lahinch meeting. His brother-in-law, Mr. Gerald Farmer, is secretary to the Lahinch Golf Club.

The Matron of the Protestant Aid Home thankfully acknowledges the following gifts:—Illustrated papers and magazines, Mrs. E. Fitt, Mrs. F. Fitt, Mr. T. Grubb, Miss Elliot; clothing, Mrs. W. Webb; grapes and bananas, Mr. J. N. Russell; apples and cabbage, A. Friend; bag of apples, Miss Delmege, Greenpark; flowers, Miss Welsh, Mrs. Toppin; fruit and vegetables, Miss Ryan.

THE IRISH PIPES.

I heard the piper playing,
The piper old and blind,
And knew its secret saying—
The voice of the summer wind.
I heard clear waters falling,
Lapping from stone to stone,
The wood dove crying and calling,
Ever alone, alone.
I heard the bells of the heather
Ring in the summer breeze,
Soft stir of fur and feather,
And quiet hum of bees.
The piper drew near me yearning

with a highwayman. It is a scene of a noble house led awry by careism combined with pove careism combined with pove himself with three others as character being a complex one, at night, by day the hero, M nature's noblemen, open handed a fault. He robs a rich Jew, w has seen some eighteen month cumstances compel the Jew up at Carew Castle, always There the Jewess hears ti pected, persuades him to evil companions and courses, of her he does. This leads to and when on suspicion he is arr him by acknowledging that at t two erstwhile comrades robbed with her, although such an avo damn her reputation. The auc by a clever dramatic device we e having seen used before, know both are. The end of the see after she has warned him, he p tell him all, and which finishes v tion of his comrades, whose ho galloping away just as the signa in her window, is overlapped, an opens with a view of the chamb is waiting. The conversation b and heard by her, again the ho galloping away. She knows th from himself, and then follows th the reason why she warn is a fine dramatic effect, the audience up to a of enthusiasm: Indeed, all th the applause was significant. audience is never chary of it its blame. Last night's perfor unstinted approbation, and call The appreciation was well o Keightley, himself a clever a together an excellent company, artist, and if we except the Jew, —who is hardly Jew enough character as conceived is wall play of the parts fits the performer, and acted as it should be. The so that may, perhaps, excuse ready manner in which "Mil conducted. Finely played, it is in consonance with a court of present day; but inconsistencies done in view of the telling effec bring about. As for the players, Miss Hain Jewess, played with a natural in charming. The lights and shades were admirably brought out, and hearts as well as the "hands" of her perfect elocution, grace of n delineation of the complex represented. As a woman c "Lady Mallory" by Miss was well thought out and Her assumption of "superiorit sustained all through, and her vulgarity, and a fondness for effective foil to the pathos of the As "Clara, her daughter," Miss showed a commendable vivacity, a simpering of a volatile girl wa Miss Theresa Gregory was "Melissa," the level headed w house. She held the mirror u looked, and acted the part to p "Miles" Mr. Keightley gave us personation, whether as the rol and lady killer, the remorse tried custodian of a lady's honour. H Gunn) was many times recalled, everyone of them. So with "Frawley" (Mr. B. A. Pitter), ruffianly, justice of the peace, wh ness was cruelty itself, but w in the court (cleverly as i would have caused him to be pitc crop out of any law court in the Henry Crooker as "Parson Jerem Holloway as "Capt. Hastew," M as "Willoughby Royce," "Savil street runner), Mr. Arthur Payne, Medwin as the Jew