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has occurred in connection with the gas poisoning at a Liverpool watchmaker's last Thursday when four persons were overcome by the escape of gas in the bedroom.

The Hon. Mary Spring-Rice has arrived home at Mount Trenchard, Foynes, from the County Durham, where she had been for the past ten days. Amongst the house party at Mount Trenchard are Mr., Mrs., and Miss Marshall and Miss Cole.

Dr. Connelly, of Moyculter, would appear to hold a record. He has been medical officer since 1867, and in all that time has only cost the Union two guineas (and that was for a substitute during one week's absence), and the sum of 1s. 2d. postage. The Guardians at their last meeting ordered the fourteen pence to be paid, and also paid a warm compliment to the veteran medical officer.

The Chamber of Commerce yesterday unanimously passed a vote of condolence with the family of the late Mr. J. Clute, J.P., who was a valued member of the Chamber.

At a meeting of the Municipal Technical Committee last evening, letters were read from the Department approving of the appointment of Mr. J. J. Scanlon as teacher of elementary mathematics and literary subjects in the preparatory classes, and also of the arrangement to pay the Christian Brothers £12 10s. a month in respect of work done in their schools, the Committee to be handed over the grants derived by the Christian Brothers out of the secondary schools.

Very great regret is felt at the death of one of the most popular railway officials in Limerick, Mr. John Madigan, who for a long time was head porter at the Limerick Railway Terminus under the Waterford and Limerick Company, and since the amalgamation under the Great Southern and Western Railway Company. The deceased was a most courteous, careful, and obliging official, and he was deservedly a general favourite. The funeral took place yesterday, the interment being at Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, and was attended by all classes of the community, every railway man and official that could be off duty being present. The clergy present were—Rev. Fr. Carroll, C.C., and Rev. Fr. Puhig, O.P.

The twenty first annual general meeting of the Limerick Chess Club, which was largely attended, was held last night in the Club-room at the George Hotel, Mr. N. A. Brophy in the chair. The statement of accounts presented by the treasurer, Mr. E. G. Fitt, was considered highly satisfactory. The following officers were elected—President, Mr. F. Mitchell; captain, Mr. N. A. Brophy; treasurer, Mr. E. G. Fitt; secretary, Mr. R. T. Levery; committee, Messrs. B. Barrington, B. Mathie, and J. J. Delany. The Chairman announced that a handicap tournament for two classes and a problem solution tourney had been arranged for the coming session, and that any gentleman desirous of joining the Club would be heartily welcomed or communicating with the Secretary. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

Mr. Moloney, a member of the Ennis Urban Council who at the meeting held over the Limerick excursion and the commission question accused Mr. Kerin of pilfering the letter, now writes so the Press withdrawing his allegations owing to the fact that it has come to his ears that the letter was handed to Mr. Kerin by another member.

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The fine building of the Merchant Venturers Technical College, Bristol, where nearly 3,000 students receive instruction, was destroyed by fire this morning. The outbreak originated in the upper part of the main building, and the flames spread rapidly. No lives were lost. The college was erected in 1886, at a cost of £45,000.

Mr. Balfour will visit Manchester on October 22, and will be presented with a memento of his twenty-one years representation of East Manchester.

Lord Welby, presiding over a meeting of the Standard Bank of South Africa in London today, said South Africa had not as yet recovered from the long period of depression which followed the war, but on the whole the prospect was improving. The gold and diamond output showed a marked improvement, as did also farming industries.

The "Star" says—At London County Council meeting this afternoon, Mr. Shepherd, Chairman of the Education Committee, said the solicitor to the Committee went to Sir Robert Finlay for his opinion on the West Riding judgment because he thought he would be the best man to get an opinion from. He went to him on his own initiative during the absence of the Chairman of Committee on holidays.

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