

Royalty on the Value of Sanatoria.

Prince of Wales presided over a most striking assembly at a dinner given at the Cecil on Tuesday evening in aid of the of the National Association for the establishment and maintenance of sanatoria for workers suffering from tuberculosis, of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is President. In the course of his speech the Prince said that he knew of no nobler or more righteous cause for which he would appeal than this one. The work carried out since the initial building of the Association at Broomfield has already proved successful, and the increase in weight of the men in attendance there was two pounds, while one sent down by the Hearts of Oak had recovered and returned again to work. At the present time there was more than a thousand beds in the country for air treatment for the workers; yet, in London alone, the disease claimed 16,000 victims a year, a far greater disaster to the nation than any war, for it was a perennial loss. The bread-winner was robbed of his means, and it had been estimated that the working classes of London lost annually four millions in wages from this disease. The sanatoria affiliated to the Association numbered three million workers who made provision for themselves in case of sickness. The employer was, therefore, paying for his own protection. The scheme proved that British men and women were ready to help those who made an appeal to help themselves.

DISDOONVARNA HOTEL FURNITURE,

Action for Commission.

Dublin on Wednesday, before the Recorder, James Bradley sued Messrs O'Dea and Co., furniture merchants, Stafford Street, for commission on £500 calculated at 2½ per cent. The plaintiff was a salesman in O'Dea's employ. He claimed that Mrs. Bulger gave him an order for £500 worth of furniture, on which he was to receive a commission of 2½ per cent. O'Dea said the order was supplied direct to Mrs. Bulger, who paid him, and he had already paid £8 or £10 commission to Mr. James Roche, disdoonvarna trader, through whom the order was supplied. The Recorder - This action is not sustainable. The plaintiff has to get a bonus very much at the will of his employers. I dissent on the merits.

DEATH OF MRS. C. C. FOLEY.

The death is announced of Mrs. C. C. Foley, of Marlborough, Nenagh, which occurred on Tuesday afternoon. The deceased lady, who had well filled the allotted span of life, was one of the best and most respected residents of Nenagh. A member of an old and highly connected family, she was a resident of Nenagh for well over sixty years. She was the widow of the late Mr. Charles C. Foley, the well known contractor, and sister of the late Mr. J. B. Foley, who founded, in the early days of the century, the monster business now located at No. 17 Castle Street, Nenagh.

The Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, R.O. Bishop of Downpatrick, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation yesterday to the children attending

cases to workhouses. The cause of death in 19 cases out of a total 31 was due to lung disease, which is largely to be attributed to the congested state of the institution. There were 11 patients remaining on 31st December than at the commencement of the year, consequently the house was still more overcrowded, rendering the proper care and treatment of the patients extremely difficult, and causing great anxiety in the administration of the asylum. In order to remove the congestion to some extent it was decided to remove the partition walls of some of the single rooms, so as to convert them into dormitories. The Vice-Regal Commission lately recommended Tulla Workhouse should be changed into an auxiliary asylum, but no further action has been taken with regard to providing accommodation for the insane poor of the county. There was no suicide or serious calamity during the year. The gross expenditure, including the repayment of loans, was £10,516 7s 6d, or an average cost per head of £25 2s, and deducting the expenditure for the repayment of loans, and amounts from paying patients the cost per head was £21 18 3d or £2 8s 8d less than the previous year. On further deducting the Capitation Grant and other receipts from State Funds, the net cost to the county was £12 0s 7d or 4s 7d a week as against 5s 6d for the previous year. This was all the more gratifying in view of the fact that there was an improved dietary scale in force during the year. The Committee considered the report eminently satisfactory.

THE LATE MRS. M. A. CONDON.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

At the venerable age of 81 years the lamented death of Mrs. M. A. Condon took place at her residence, Ballingarry, on Sunday last, 12th inst. The sad event has severed a link of the past, and removed a member of one of the oldest and most respected families. The deceased was affectionately regarded by all classes. The remains were on Tuesday removed from the R.C. parish church, where they rested overnight, to the New Cemetery close by, where the interment took place in presence of a very large number of sympathisers, including the parish clergy.

MUST BE WELL DRESSED.

The Ennis Board of Guardians yesterday decided that their officers in the Workhouse should be well dressed. Recently the Board authorised the granting of cash in lieu of the annual clothes for certain members of the staff, but the Local Government Board pointed out that the Guardians had no guarantee that the money would be spent in buying clothes, consequently the Guardians reserved the right to cancel the arrangement any time that they found the clothes were not purchased, and they would insist on their officials being well dressed.

QUEEN OF SPAIN.

Madrid, Thursday.

A bulletin issued this morning at the Palace states that the Queen and Prince of Asturias are doing well.

ALLEGED STABBING.

Lawrence Nolan, a young man from the Brosna district, was charged before Mr. W. Creagh

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Mr. Cairns brought in a Diseases of Animals Act, 19 the Importation of Canadian

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The Prime Minister informed that on the Thursday afternoon supply would include the Bill for Prisons, and Industrial Schools. On Friday there would be a number of Bills, including the Merchant Shipping (Reduction) Bill, the Vaccination and Education (Administration) Bill, the Employer's Liability (Insurance) Bill, and the Patents Bill. The Small Holdings and Allotments Bill would be introduced.

Colonial Cont

Mr. Edmund Robertson, in answer to questions as to the proposed Colonial Premiers, said that the proposed Colonial contribution to the Australian agreement were not yet decided. Several Colonial Prime Ministers had obtained their consent to the proposed changes. Unless changes were agreed to by the House of Commons in 1902 holds good.

Preference Bill

The debate on Mr. A. G. Balfour's amendment in favour of a wider basis of taxation was closed by Mr. Mooney, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Bonar Law, etc.

The amendment was rejected. The Finance Bill was read a second time and the House adjourned.

Transvaal

In the House of Commons Mr. Churchill informed Mr. L. B. Leitch that the Imperial guarantee for the new Transvaal railway promised to General Botha

Impudent and Fabricator

Mr. Churchill, replying to a question, said that his attention had been drawn to the "Daily Mail" of what passed at the Colonial Conference. As he had no particular report had been made, it became necessary for him to go to the Transvaal from beginning to end a fabrication.

DOGS AND C

At the County Petty Sessions, Mr. Cross was summoned for not having a dog.

Mr. Hickson said any dog brought into the country without a collar on it. That was a hard rule to apply to the city.

The case was dismissed. Mr. Hannon, who was summoned for a dog offence, said he would have the dog along with him as he could not get the animal. It was stolen.

Mr. Hickson suggested that the dog should have his name on the collar and not disappear.