

...not wear the collar as the Act demands.

MUSIC HATH CHARMS.

The Boherbrooy Band are appealing for funds to enable them to purchase new instruments and repair those already in use.

IF THERE WERE NO BIRDS.

If the world was birdless, a naturalist declares, man could not inhabit it after nine years' time, in spite of all the sprays and poisons that could be manufactured for the destruction of insects.

KEEP YOUR TEMPER.

One of the most difficult things to do in the world sometimes is to keep one's temper. A calm serenity of temper and a self-control which keeps a person unruffled amid the petty annoyances and ills of everyday life indicate the possession of perfect mental health.

SATIRICAL.

A rather satirical rebuff was given to a medical gentleman the other day by a Coroner during the progress of an inquest. As is well known doctors have a special professional language all their own, and one that is not easily understood of the people, especially the people who constitute the ordinary coroner's jury.

PROFESSIONAL COPPER CHANGERS.

To most people the possibility of making a living, that is, an honest living, by changing coppers has probably not occurred. A certain firm, who had a large stock of coppers on hand some years ago, offered one of their workmen a commission on all the coppers he could get exchanged for gold and silver money.

WHAT A SOLDIER COSTS.

A Parliamentary paper gives the following average cost per head of all ranks in the Army under the present system and under the new scheme :-

	Present System	New System
Infantry of the Line	£53 16 0	£44 19 4
Foot Guards	46 16 6	46 16 6
Cavalry of the Line	78 0 6	72 0 0
Household Cavalry	110 2 0	110 2 0
Horse and Field Artillery	74 7 4	45 12 0
Garrison Artillery	71 12 0	67 12 6
Militia	21 9 3	—
Yeomanry	19 17 0	—
Volunteers	6 6 3	—
Territorial Army (all Arms)	—	9 4 0

THE SCHOOLMASTER ABROAD.

As an example of an illiterate letter, one which has been sent to us, would require some beating. A man recently purchased a dog, and shortly after-

amount on condition that half be paid by the County at large.

Other applications were passed and some adjourned. The County Surveyor's recommendations as to renewals of contracts were next dealt with and adopted. The Council adjourned.

THE LATE MR. JASPER MASSY.

The death at Stoneville on Sunday last of this singularly talented, amiable and popular young gentleman at the early age of 22, was an event which caused widespread and most sincere regret in Rathkeale and surrounding neighbourhood.

The second son of the late gallant and esteemed Major Ingoldsby Massy, who gave his life for his country on the plains of South Africa, the deceased young gentleman had already entered the military profession, and was starting on his career under the most brilliantly favourable conditions, when it seemed good to an inscrutable Providence, to check that career on its threshold.

Mr. Massy had lately returned from England, seized by a grave complication of several serious ailments, and despite the unsparing efforts of the highest medical skill in Dublin, Limerick and Rathkeale, he fell asleep—literally fell asleep, on Sunday morning, the 14th instant.

The widest and deepest sympathy is cordially felt by the whole neighbourhood for Mrs. Massy and the members of her family, a family of the old country stock, known, respected and beloved by generation after generation.

The funeral took place at the family vault in Rathkeale, at noon on Wednesday last, the 17th inst., and was attended by a large concourse of people of all ranks, classes and creeds. The remains encased in a polished oak coffin, were borne on the shoulders of relays of willing helpers from Stoneville to Rathkeale Church, a distance of about a mile and a half. The coffin bore the inscription :-

"Hugh Jasper Gerald Massy, Lieutenant, 48th Pioneers, aged 22 years."

and was covered and surrounded by a great number of beautiful wreaths, crosses, and floral offerings. These were transferred to the interior of the hearse, drawn by four horses, and so conveyed to their destination.

The cortege was met at the church gate by the Rev. Dr. McClean, and Rev. Treasurer Hayden, LL.D., the former taking the service in the church, and delivering a short but most able and touching address. Two hymns were sung, and a funeral march played on the organ. The solemn final prayers were read at the tomb by Dr. Hayden, amid manifest and unmistakable indications of emotion on the part of the great assembly, after which the remains of the lamented young gentleman were laid with those of his ancestors.

The following are a few names of those who attended the funeral or sent carriages, compiled from memory, as the writer did not make a list at the time:—Capt. White, D.L., Nantenan; Mrs. Cooke, Cappagh House; Rev. J. T. Waller, Castledown Manor; Miss Boyse, Ballinvirick; Rev. S. J. Hackett, Askeaton; Rev. Treasurer Hayden, Nantenan; J. A. Hayden, Dublin; E. Hewson, C.E., Castle Hewson; J. Hewson, Hollywood, Adare; B. Copley Langford, Kilcosgriff; Capt. Curring, Newcastle; G. Fosbery, J.P.; Major Massy Lloyd, Beechmount; O'Grady, Rathkeale; T. D. Atkinson, D.L., Glenwilliam; Swansy, D.I.; T.S. Leane, National Bank; J. McKiernan, Munster and Leinster Bank; K. Hunt, Kilbeha; Dr. John B. Hayes, Dr. Flynn, the Abbey, Tipperary; Gideon Baker, Curraheen; J. B. Shier, M. Ryan, J. M. O'Grady, Rathkeale; L. Moroney, Ballingarry; Miss Nugent Humble, Crawford Langford, Glenville, J. P. Cosgrove, Rathkeale; G. Latchford, Rathkeale, Colonel Morgan, Old Abbey, Capt. Caulfield, Miltown, R. H. Lloyd (Bank of Ireland, Limerick.)

Wreaths were sent by the following, and very many others:—'Jasper, darling, Mizpah' from his mother. 'To their beloved brother' from May, Willie, Henry, Derek and Fanny. Uncle Arlie and Aunt Eva. Fond grandfather and grandmother. 'Last message, from loving Aunt Mabel, Aunt Anna and General Preston. 'With sincere sorrow' from Pat, Mrs Madigan and family, Ellen and Mrs Atkinson, Mrs. Maunsell, Newborough, Jim and Ned. Sarah Doupe, Captain and Mrs. White, Nantenan, Dr. and Miss Flynn, the Abbey, Tipperary. 'From all at Beechmount.' Col. Anderson and family, Mr. and Miss McKiernan; Mrs. and Miss Dowdall Cooke, Cappagh House; Mrs. Studdert, Arleman; Mrs. Griffin, Altavilla; Richbell Curling, the Castle, Newcastle, Miss Royse, Ballyvirick; Sybil Atkinson, Miss Nugent Humble, and many others.

daughter of the late Mr. CHAR. FURCH, of Orchardstown House, Clonmel.

Limerick Corporation Estimates Committee has decided to abolish the local Compulsory Education Committee, and to withdraw the rate grant of £144, a year.

At Bruff, John Nolan summoned by Constable Mahony for being on licensed premises while drunk, was fined 1s, and costs.

Lady Aberdeen is still too unwell to travel to the wedding of her son at London next week.

The Countess of Dunraven has arrived in London from Adare Manor.

A telegram from St. Raphael states that Mr. Chamberlain is now able to go out for walks, and no longer drives. No better evidence of his improved health could be offered.

Right Rev. Monsignor O'Biordan, Rector of the Irish College, Rome, continues to make satisfactory progress towards recovery, and it is hoped that he may be able to leave his bed next Tuesday.

The estate of the late Mrs. Anne J. Lloyd, daughter of the late Mr. Charles Lloyd, and widow of Mr R. Gore Lloyd, has been proved at £70,187 gross. She leaves £55,000 to Protestant organisations, because she conscientiously objected to the R.C. religion in which her sons were being brought up.

Mr Haldane yesterday wrote to Mr Halpin, M.P., informing him that it has now been decided that the training of the Clare Militia will be carried out this year at Ennis.

An endeavour is being made to cause a pilgrimage to Straude the last resting place of Michael Davitt in honour of his memory on May 30th, the anniversary of his death.

The profession has taken place in the Mercy Convent, Bermondsey, London, of Miss Delia Hayes, in religion Sister Mary Lewine, eldest daughter of Mr. William Hayes, Oola, Co. Limerick.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

The marriage arranged between Robert Alexander Pollexfen Orr, Bank of Ireland, Belturbet, only son of Rev. Alexander B. Orr, M.A., and Mrs. Orr, Wellinborough, Northampton, and Anna Elizabeth (Lilab), elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs Hugh A. Earls, 77 Strand Road, Sandymount, Co. Dublin, formerly of Cragfield, Limerick, will take place quietly first week in June.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place towards the end of July, between the Hon. Lesley Butler, Irish Guards, second son of Lord Dunboyne, and Mary Christal, youngest daughter of Sir John Heathcoat-Amory, Bart., of Knightshayes Court, Devonshire.

LOCAL SUCCESS.

At an examination recently held by the Local Government Board for qualification of Assistant County Surveyors, we notice amongst the successful candidates the name of Mr. Martin J. Ryan, Clonlara. He has also secured several first-class certificates in building construction etc., from the Board of Education, South Kensington.

INTERESTING TO CONNOISSEURS.

We notice in our advertising columns this evening the announcement of the sale of the furniture and effects at Lemnfield House for W. A. Russell, Esq. This sale will be of considerable interest to connoisseurs and lovers of art as the house is reputed to contain several splendid specimens of antique furniture and an unusually good collection of old sporting pictures.

THE IRISH LAND BILL.

Mr. Birrell's Warning.

The Land Bill for the abolition of the zones, the provision of compulsory powers, and other amendments of the Act of 1903 was introduced in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Hogan. It was supported by 65 Irish members, and went through its second reading. Mr. Birrell, dealing with the general question of compulsion, which he favours, warned the House that the whole scheme was endangered by the loss on flotation of stock and by certain banking operations.

Mrs. R. ... pendant. Mrs. Hartig. Miss Howk. Miss Lever. Mr. F. A. Miss Olive. Mr. C. O. F. Miss Kenn. Mrs. Keogl. Mr. and M. Mrs. Mrs. dish. Mrs. R. Lev. afternoon tea. Canon and Miss Theo I. Mr. and M. pewter flower. Mrs. Moyla. table gong. Mrs. Matte. flower vases. Messrs. Mc. Mr. and M. candlesticks. Col. Murphy. Mrs. Mack. Mrs. Marsh. Captain Mu. Mr. J. Mur. The Misses! Miss Matthe. The Misses. Mr. P. McC. Mr. D. M. rings. Members of and pen. Mr. Charles. Mr. James. Mr. O'Conne. dozen table ki. Mr. and Mrs. Mr. W. Pott. Miss Pyle, s. Mrs. and the. serviettes. Mr. J. Russ. Mr. and Mrs. clock. Mr. T. F. R. writing table. Master Brian. Miss Floren. dishes, silver t. and spoon, dir. In. and Mrs. frame. Mrs. Richard. Mrs. Staespa. Major and V. Mr. and M. five prints. Sir Alec and Miss Shaine. and forks. Miss G. Shair. peppers and m. Mr and Mrs. Miss Ann St. vases. Mrs. Con Sh. Mrs. and Mis. Mrs. Thomso. copper table la. Mrs. Thornb. Mrs. Vereker. Miss Isabel V. Mr Woodho.