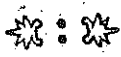


lians does not afford cheerful reading. On the contrary it supplies much thought for scholarly reflection. For the week under review the increase in pauperism has gone up by more than what it was the previous week, while the decrease is an all round increase of 77 inmates compared with the corresponding period of last year. Pauperism is a subject requiring serious consideration in the hands of the Guardians, as if pauperism is increasing at this rate, more accommodation will have of necessity to be provided. It is also a matter which appeals directly to those concerned in the solution of the unemployed question, which in Limerick, as elsewhere throughout the country, goes to the root of pauperism.



### High Offices of Honour Vacant.

By the death of the Duke of Devonshire several offices not of emolument, but of honour, have become vacant. Among the number is the Chancellorship of the University of Cambridge, though he had not obtained any academic distinction whatever. The Chancellorships of Universities have often been bestowed by those who lie on men whose careers were not associated with learning. When the Duke of Wellington was made Chancellor of the University of Oxford, Dr. Whately, the late Protestant Archbishop of Dublin, who had been a Fellow of an Oxford College, waited on the Prime Minister of the day and applied with all the seriousness of manner for a colonelcy in aagoon regiment. The Prime Minister thought the Archbishop was labouring under some mental aberration, but was quickly undeceived by his pressing his claim for the appointment, for which he urged he was as well suited as the Duke of Wellington for the Chancellorship of Oxford. Another office filled by the Duke of Devonshire and rendered vacant by his death, is the Lieutenancy of the County of Waterford where the Duke possessed large estates.

## NEWS-NOTES AND NOTIONS.

### LIGHT UP.

Cyclists and others liable to prosecution under the new lights on Vehicles Act should light up to-night at 7.33. To-morrow night at 7.34 and on Saturday at 7.35.

### CLARE CO. INFIRMARY.

The election of Medical Officer of the Clare Co. infirmary, at Ennis, takes place next Monday. There are four candidates in the field, two from West

no doubt, fresh in the recollection of our readers:—"A special parade of the troops in Clonmel will be held at 3 o'clock p.m. on the 9th April, 1908, for the presentation by the General Officer commanding No. 18 District of the Royal Humane Society's medal and parchment certificate to Major Gerald Lewis, R.F.A. and the parchment certificate to Lieutenant M. Aldcroft-Philips of the 35th Battery R.F.A., for their gallantry in the hunting field on the 22nd January, 1908, in the attempt to rescue from drowning the late Mr. P. Tierney, first whip in the Tipperary fox-hounds."

## FARMER SHOT AT ENNIS.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Captain Craig inquired of the Chief Secretary whether he was aware that a farmer called Burke was shot at on Saturday, 21st March, near Ennis, county Clare, and that Burke had lately taken a farm; would he say if anyone had been arrested in connection with this offence; if it had become a centre of disturbance; and whether it was the intention of the Estates Commissioners to acquire compulsorily Burke's farm? Mr. Birrell—It was reported to the police that Michael Burke was fired at on March 21st. A man has been arrested for the offence, and the case is pending. The police will afford all necessary protection to Burke. He has not lately taken any farm, but last year he purchased a farm under the Land Act. I do not quite know what implication is intended to be made in the last part of the question, but in any event the Estates Commissioners do not compulsorily acquire farms which are subject to a land purchase annuity.

## THE LATE MR. JOHN F. MURRAY.

The remains of the late Mr. John F. Murray, organist to the Augustinian Church, Cork, arrived in Limerick yesterday, and the funeral for Mount St. Lawrence took place from the railway station shortly after three o'clock. The deceased was a native of this city and a member of an old Limerick family. He was well known in musical circles, and great regret is expressed by his many friends here at his death a few days ago.

The chief mourners were—Patrick and Michael Murray (brothers); Henry Murray (son), and two nephews of the deceased.

The clergymen present were—Rev. F. Duhig, O.P.; Very Rev. F. Browne, S.J.; Rev. J. Lee, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev. F. M'Sweeney, O.S.A.; Rev. F. O'Connor, O.C., St. Michael's; Rev. F. Peter, O.F.M.; etc.

Amongst the general public were—Messrs. James Flynn, Kendal Irwin, Robert Evans, D. Tidmarsh, Ralph Nash, M. Griffin, P. McCarthy, J. Higgins, J. Clune, W. G. Peacocke, George Ryan, C.E.; A. De Prins, J. Tierney, T. O'Brien, J. J. Blake, J. Lawlor, P. Hartigan, A. Nestor, James Roche (Roche's-street), J. J. Delaney, F. Herriott, H. Regan, T. Gough, J. B. Waugh, J. Clarke, P. Cronin, A. Hall, and numerous others. Mrs. O'Brien, South Hill, Sir Vincent Nash and others, sent carriages.

## THE IRISH FERRIES BILL.

In the House of Commons last night the Ferries (Ireland) Bill was read a second time.

The defence was that the P.I.O.U. for £4 12s. to the Council against that Mr. Hayes gave a bill which overlapped the I.O.U. bill for.

His Honor held that the defence gave the plaintiff a decree in full. Mr. P. E. O'Donnell, solr., a plaintiff, and Mr. P. J. O'Sullivan defendants.

## COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS.

The magistrates adjudicating in Petty Sessions to-day were Messrs. R. M., and N. Russell.

"BEHAVED LIKE A BRUTE." Nicholas Moloney, Ballyneet, was charged for cruelty to a donkey on the 10th inst. Mr. Ernest Brown, stated that on the date in question he was in the city. Near Loughmora he saw a man beating a donkey with a heavy stick. A witness was passing he saw the animal, and after a few minutes he renewed the beating, unmerciful description. With a view to stop ill-treating which was at this time lying in the result of the treatment it received to him bitterly, and he spoke to the police at Ballinacorra. The defendant denied that he was beating a donkey as stated.

Mr. Brown—He came up to the animal and struck it so violently down between the shafts.

The Defendant—You are a brute.

Mr. Hickson said the defendant behaved like a brute. He had knocked the animal by hard usage, and when spoken to desist. The Bench ordered in default a month's imprisonment.

SUFFICIENTLY PROSECUTED. Mary Keane, of no fixed abode, was charged on remand with assaulting a man in the wash-house of the Union.

Having regard to the fact that she had been in custody for three weeks, the Bench ordered him to be detained in the court.

ILLEGAL POSSESSION. A young fellow named Jerry was charged with possession of a brace of rabbits.

Constable Cahill stated that he had found the defendant with the rabbits on the 10th inst. in the park, and was unable to get them on account of where he got them.

A fine of 10s 6d and costs were ordered against him.

## CITY POLICE.

At the Police Court this morning Mr. Hickson, R.M., an Acting Sergeant Browne, was charged with drunkenness and assault on John Purcell.

John Purcell was fined 5s. and sentenced to a month's imprisonment for good behaviour on charge of striking Constable Hickson. There were eight other cases before the Court.