

(less than 100,000 acres), 10,000,000 acres of State land in a profit of about 11s. per acre. The private woodland in Great Britain amounted in 1895 to 62,375 acres. Still these woods do not bring up to anything like the European countries. The timber in Ireland is as follows:—

Germany,	26 per cent.
Holland,	8 per cent.
England,	5.3 per cent.
Wales,	3.9 per cent.

Only about 10 per cent. of the timber in Ireland are of a nature which

Comet.
 The comet which was first seen at the end of 1891, and for some time be visible in the Southern Hemisphere. It has his visitant refrained from appearing as it did, for the many chemists analysed its constitution and were unanimous in recording the hydrogen as its chief constituent. It was discovered by Gay-Lussac in 1815, and was of an intensely poisonous

NOTES AND NOTIONS.

LIGHT UP.
 Persons liable to prosecution under the Public Health Act should light up to-night at 8.20, and on Saturday at 8.30.

THORBLACK'S SUCCESS.
 At the twelfth annual meeting of the Young Helpers Association it was stated that a boy, formerly a Stepmother's child, had been an inmate of Dr. Barnardo's Home, and a Government official in China.

TRIP ROUND THE WORLD.
 The crew of a number of sailors from the ship "The ...", on disclosed the fact that a number of good families are playing at being pirates on the ships of the squadron so as to

enemy within a given time, if all will take

THE CHURCH.

On 9th inst. a Board of Nomination met at the Limerick Junction to elect a Rector for the Parish of Knockaney, Diocese of Emly, vacant by the retirement of the Rev. Canon Hemphill. There were present: The Parochial Nominators, Colonel O'Grady, C.B., Kilballyowen; Henry J. Bourchier, Bagginstown, and Francis Gubbins, Kilfrush; Diocesan Nominator, the Venble. Archdeacon Hanan, D.D. The Lord Bishop of Cashel presided. The Rev. William O. Bourchier, M.A. Classical Scholar, and Moderator T.C.D., was unanimously elected.

The Rev. Henry Bredin Crawford, M.A., who has for some time been curate-in-charge of the Parish of Kilfenora, was unanimously elected by the Board of Nomination, on the 15th inst, to the Incumbency of same parish, rendered vacant by the retirement on superannuation annuity of Very Rev. J. R. Copley, Dean of Kilfenora.

M.G.W. RY. OF IRELAND COMPANY.

A dividend of 3 per cent. per annum, and £17,000 forward, compared with 3½ per cent. per annum, £2,000 to reserve fund, £2,000 permanent way renewals, and £19,100 forward a year ago, have been recommended.

SUDDEN DEATH.

A girl named McNamara, of Cashe's-lane, Thomondgate, died suddenly yesterday morning. She rose about six o'clock to leave her brother out to work, and some time after his leaving the house she expired. The deceased, who was about 28 years of age, was in her normal health the previous night, and did not complain of any ailment. Death is attributed to heart disease, and in the circumstances an inquest was not considered necessary.

COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS.

The presiding magistrates at the County Petty Sessions to-day were—Messrs. E. F. Hickson, B.M., and E. H. P. Hosford.

ASSAULT.

John Smith, a gardenet, in the employment of Mr. P. Griffin, proprietor of the Ballinacurra Nursery, prosecuted John Kennedy and Michael Kennedy, brothers, for assault. The prosecutor stated that on last Sunday week he was going home and met the defendants on the South Circular Road. A conversation took place bearing on the dismissal of one of the Kennedy's from the Nursery, and the probability of Smith getting the vacancy for another member of the Kennedy family. When they reached Greenpark House he was set upon by the defendants, and was deprived of his collar and tie, but defended himself as best he could. No provocation was offered for the assault, and complainant asked for protection from the Bench. Sergeant McGauran told the magistrates that

him a vote of thanks for the gallant and efficient manner in which he had hunted the country for over twenty-one years, and decided to accept the resignation and advance for a new Master.

P.Y.M.A. Literary Class. We desire to special attention to a lecture on "The Land," by the Lord Bishop of Limerick, held to-morrow evening at 8 p.m. in the Hall, 97 George street. Admission free.

On the 19th of next month Colonel O'Connell will give up command of the 2nd Battalion Irish Regiment on completing his four years service at the head of the corps, and be placed on half pay. It is anticipated that R. O. Kellett will be promoted lieutenant colonel, and appointed to command the 18th regimental depot of the Royal Irish Regiment Clonmel.

TECHNICAL INSTITUTE LOAN.

Important Action in Du
 At the meeting of the Central Technical Education Board (under the Department) in yesterday, Mr. T. W. Russell (Vice-President) took the chair, Alderman Joyce, M.P., as representative of the Corporation of Limerick, and brought forward the claims of the loan for the Central Technical Institute. He explained the case very ably and submitted a resolution urging that should be granted by the Treasury. The resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board.

PREPARING FOR THE FISHING SEASON.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

The weir owners and lessees on the Shannon are busily engaged in erecting weirs, so as to be ready when the season opens on the 12th February next. It is to be expected that the fishing for 1907 will prove more remunerative than the seasons latterly.

HEALTH LECTURE

In Athenæum.

The two lectures delivered by Miss Fletcher on Tuesday in the Athenæum devoted to "Home Nursing," when the audience was considerably larger than on any previous day. The gifted lecturer dwelt on the various aspects of her subject, discussed the question of a nurse's duties to the patient, the doctor, and herself, from the point of personal care, the sick room, the changing of sheets, bed rest, their prevention, and treatment of respiration and temperature taking. She emphasised that the doctor's instructions were a "sine qua non" for the patient, and that the whole fa-