ange of reign. The prevailing impression is we shall see a return to the quiet austerity h marked the Victorian era before the deathne Prince Consort caused positive dulness to e down upon Queen Victoria's Court. Queen y has three intimate personal friends—Lady champ, the Duchess of Devonshire, and Mrs. k Kepple—and it may be expected that these e ladies will be very much to the fore in the Court. The Duchess of Devonshire is already en of as the new Mistress of the Robes. The quis and Marchioness of Lansdowne, Lord Lady Shaftesbury, and Lord Annaly are also erstood to enjoy in a particular degree the adship of King George and Queen Mary.

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f-Starting of Motor-Cars.

n our opinion (says the Autocar) both hand and starting are likely to be done away with ept on the cheapest cars, in a few years' time. se who have studied recent patents at all will that the lines upon which more than one entor is working bid fair to provide, if indeed y have not already provided, a still easier ans of starting than is afforded by pedal or idle. The form which the self-starter of the ure appears most likely to take is a simple nbination of petrol pump and switch; that is say, a tiny hand-pump will supply a correct xture of petrol and air to one or more cylinders d a touch of the switch will then start the The idea is nothing more than a natural velopment of the present dual ignition With the latter, if the engine has once en started, a restart can always be made if a linder has taken in and retained a firing charge. aese things never fail unless there be no charge the cylinder. If the engine stand for a long hile the charge it inhaled may leak away, or ying to the position of the throttle it may never we taken in a charge at the last movement of ie engine before it stopped. It is this defect of te dual system as a whole which is overcome by te addition of the small hand-pump, which by stroke ensures that when the switch is pressed ie spark will not take place in an empty /linder.

IEWS-NOTES AND NOTIONS.

LIGHT UP.

Cyclists and others liable to prosecution under were among the cases which is lights on Vehicles Act should light up to might relief at the institution yesterday.

in a short time, they nercifully despatched the unfortunate animal, to put an end to its suffering. Mr. Loughery will claim compensation. This is the seventh outrage on him in lesss than three years, and he has been awarded compensation three times for the burning of hay. No motive has been assigned for the outrage. Mr. Loughrey was a former Co. Councillor for the division, and has always been looked on as a very popular man.

THE RINK.

at the Rink, and the final match for the Rink Hockey Challenge Cup between the Black Watch v. Combined was played. The Rink was crowded, this fact in itself at this time of the year showed the interest the match was looked forward to by the public. Both teams turned out sharp at 9.30. It was a keenly contested match, and it was the fastest and most exciting played this season. The Black Watch won the final by four goals to two. Both teams had plenty of supporters to cheer them as each score was made, and we noticed a large sprinkling of the Highlanders, including Colonel Rose and officers.

Mr. J. ()'G. Delmege presented the cup and five gold medals to the winners, and in his usual sportsmanlike manner congratulated them; and Mr. E. H. Murray replied on behalf of the Black Watch. Mr. Delmege also in appropriate words thanked the public on behalf of the Rink Company for their support to the Rink during the season, and hoped to see them all back again next season.

The Rink Electric Picture Palace.

The Rink will re-open next Saturday night as an "Electric Picture Palace," and we have no doubt that everything will be up-to-date. Particulars will appear in our issue next Thursday.

DEATH OF MR, P. GILLIGAN.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Patrick (filligan, C.E., which took place on Saturday at an a lyanced age. The deceased was well known and exteemed in Clare, having been for forty years an Assistant County Surveyor in that county. He retired some five years ago, since which time he has resided in the city. The funeral took place yesterday for Mount St. Lawrence, and was attended by many personal friends. The chief mourners were—Mr. John Gilligan (son) and Mr. Sohn O'Toole (son-in-law). The clergy present were—Fr. O'Connor, Adm., and Fr. O'Shea, C.C., St. Michael's.

BARRINGTON'S HOSPITAL.

No serious cases have been under treatment at Barrington's Hospital for the past few days. A girl who had her hand injured through being caught in some machinery, and a case of dog bite were among the cases which received medical relief at the institution yesterday.

interviews the representative with influential people who a speak for the town on a topic and, it is feared, too careless far removed from the scene.

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Dr. Hickey, J.P., was the on, and having been told prompted the visit he evinced to discuss the situation.

Speaking as Medical Officer house of any sort of contagious in the place since the first day was an absolutely accurate fact.

Questioned on the cases we the doctor said those cases the early spring and autumn the consumption of bad waterwells.

Asked to account as to he taminated, Dr. Hickey repli to the severe drought of last went down in those wells. I many of them private, where the microbe lurked been disturbed for years. T in Kilkee at the present ti

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The fact was that they had a Speaking of the new wa said was put up at a large o say that it was as good as e place, and what was more, c a small cost, so that, contin need be no cause for anxiety "well," said Dr. Hickey, "th are doing their best to perfe but it cannot be done this anxious that the work sho quickly as possible, and Mr. Park, Ennis, informed me to of Conyngham had prom towards the project on cond matter was not allowed to Bay.

In the course of furth Hickey said there was only in Kilkee altogether. That up to the end of August and was confined to the East within a radius of 200 yards saidhe, was that the case broon a sandy foundation, ar sandy soils were very liable.

In conclusion the Medicassured our representativenteric was of a very mild experience of 29 years in thocourred. All was now we cause whatsoever for alarm

The Rev. Canon Fitzge interviewed, and on being call, he expressed surpris Limerick should entertain was infected with disease. the Canon, that the town w