

to participate in them. They will supply them with excellent ice, and help to promote the glory of the service. They will be able in a clear conception of the duties which would be called upon to perform in the event of a foe, should a real and not a sham war ever be made on our shores, and will be familiarised to some extent with the sign and character of the services which are expected to render. The benefit of the Nation, too, will not be inconsiderable. Dependent, as we are, upon our food from over the seas, it is a matter of the greatest moment to know that we are getting full value for the heavy burden of our armaments. We are proud of our position and of our position as the greatest sea-power in the world.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Asylum Committee.

At the meeting of the Limerick Asylum Committee yesterday, the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year took place. The proceedings, as might have been expected, were unanimous and congratulatory. Mr. P. O'Shaughnessy, J.P., has been some years Chairman of the Committee, and during that time has been constantly in his place at the meetings, discharging his duties with marked energy and ability. The welfare of the patients, the interests of the officials, and the interests of the ratepayers have always had his careful and impartial consideration, and so the tributes paid yesterday in his administration, by the members, and by Dr. O'Shaughnessy on behalf of the staff, were thoroughly deserved and will be fully endorsed by the public. Mr. O'Shaughnessy has been again re-elected to the position of Chairman. The Mayor has been unanimously appointed to the office of Vice-Chairman, and needless to say, his worship will worthily fill the position whenever called upon to do so.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Dr. Evedina Massy has left Limerick for ten days.
Lord Glentworth, a contemporary states, has made arrangements to leave London for Canada, Friday next.
Several of the Harbour Commissioners proceeded down the river to-day in a steam launch for the purpose of inspecting the work done by the dredgers.
Viscount and Viscountess Ennismore, who have been staying at Kingston House, Prince's gate, with the Earl and Countess of Lisowel, left on Tuesday for Hackness Grange, Scarborough.
Lord and Lady Lansdowne are coming to Ireland at the beginning of August, and they will stay for about two months at Derreen. They are to pay a visit to Lady Waterford at Currageore.

justice earned the respect and regard of all classes of the community, and we wish to convey our sincere sympathy to his bereaved relatives."
Mr Justice Gibson said he was very glad indeed to receive this resolution, coming as it did from those who were so well able to speak of the many excellent qualities of his late lamented brother, who was an old class fellow of his own, and one who was associated with him all his life. It would afford him infinite gratification to forward the resolution to Mrs Wright and family.

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MR. PATRICK BOURKE, MUNGRET.

The remains of this respected resident of Mungret, who died on Sunday morning, were laid to rest in the historic churchyard of Mungret on Monday last.

The chief mourners were—John Bourke, son; John Bourke, brother; J. Hare, grandson; Wm. Bourke, nephew; D. J. Garry, and J. Hare, sons-in-law.

The clergymen present were—The Rev. W. Fitzgerald, P.P., Mungret; Rev. R. Kirby, P.P., Adare; Rev. J. O'Connor, Adm., St Michael's, Limerick; Rev. M. O'Carroll, do; Rev. J. Fitzgerald, C.C., Adare; Rev. John Tierney, C.C., Mungret; Rev. J. O'Gorman, C.C., Patrickswell; Rev. Father Anthony, O.F.M.; Rev. Father Francis, O.F.M.; Rev. J. O'Mahony, S.J., Limerick; Rev. W. Byrne, S.J., Mungret College; Rev. Father O'Leary, S.J., do; and Rev. Brother Purcell, do.

Amongst those present were:—Messrs. M. Clancy, M.C.C., Mungret; M. P. O'Shaughnessy, M.C.C., Bruff; P. J. O'Sullivan, solr, Limerick; J. J. Quaid, Co. Council, Limerick; F. Lalor, do; J. J. O'Riordan, M.R.C.V.S., do; James Halvey, do; J. O'Kelly, do; M. Hayes, do; J. O'Mahony, do; J. McCabe, Mungret; M. Reynolds, do; J. Boland, do; E. Moynihan, Ml Hayes, D.C., Mungret; J. Fitzgerald, D.C., Mungret, Tom McNamara, do; J. O'Donohue, do; John Costello, Ferrybridge; Wm. Buckley, Clounanna; Geo. Roberts, Clarina; Cornelius Hayes, D.C.; Jerh. Bresnihan, James Griffin, P. Hourigan, James Bresnihan, etc.

Mrs. O'Brien, South Hill, sent her carriage. Wreaths were sent by the following—"In loving memory, from his wife"; "With deepest sympathy, from Johnny and Anne"; "Fond remembrances, Mr and Mrs Hehir and family"; "A last token, from Mr and Mrs Garry"; "From his loving grandchildren, Mary, Tom, and Gerard Garry"; "In loving memory, from his grandchild 'Patie'"; "Deepest sympathy, from Mary Mulcahy"; "Deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs O'Mahony."

LIMERICK VIGILANCE COMMITTEE.

We are asked to state that the Limerick Vigilance Committee—whose sole object is to provide wholesome reading for the people—has no connection with another "Vigilance Committee" mentioned in a leaflet headed "War," which has been circulated in the city as elsewhere.

LIMERICK JUVENILE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the above Committee was held in the Committee Room, Labour Exchange, on Tuesday, 1st inst.—Rev. M. Murphy in the chair. The other members present were—Rev. R. H. Semple, B.A.; Mr. J. H. Roche, J.P.; Mr. J. Comerton, B.A.; Mr. J. Crinin, Mr. J. Buckner, Miss Rowan, Divisional Office, Dublin, and Mr. J. F. Mulholland, Secretary, were also present. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Right Rev. Dr. O'Keefe, Sir A. W. Shaw, Very Rev. D. Keane, Miss Doyle, Rev. J. O'Connor, Mr. W. Holliday, Mr. R. Thurnbull, and Mr. J. F. Hogan. The minutes of the last meeting having been

presented. Since 1901 the witness has saved a few emergency cargoes, and a saving of £300 a year was effected. The witness to exception to the way the figures for 1905 been arranged on the other side. Revenue was not affected by the expenditure, and a statement made yesterday as to a difference in price of coal had nothing to say to revenue. It had been a great loss in revenue by the introduction of electric light, and there was losses of accounts ranging from £5 to £107, which was amount lost on the post office account.

Mr O'Sullivan—So that the auditor, Croker, was absolutely correct in what he sets in his audit on the subject of the reduction in the year 1904-'5?

The Witness—Yes.
Mr O'Sullivan—And his view was the common sense view of the matter?

The Witness—Yes.
Mr O'Sullivan asked was not the practice of having cheques signed outside the meeting Committee the usual practice where it was required. That practice was termed irregular at the other side.

The Witness said in having this done, it but following a precedent. It was the only when witness was appointed to pay promptly cargoes, and that was the reason for paying at meetings.

The cross-examination of the witness by P. Kelly, elicited among other matters that had been an increase of wages to the extent of £1,600 during the period under review.

Further answering counsel, the witness said the 31st March, 1901, there was a big debit against the Committee in the bank.

Mr. Kelly—What was the credit balance in 1904?

The Inspector—There is a little bit of confusion about these balances. Yesterday when we were talking about them some gentleman mentioned the 31st March, 1902, but the balance Fitzgerald has given us is the balance on the 31st April, 1901, for the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1902. The figures you want now, Mr. Kelly, the debit balance commencing on the 1st April, 1901.

Mr. Kelly—Yes.
The Inspector—What was the debit balance on the 1st April, 1901?

The Witness—£4,629 18s. 7d.
The Inspector—How did you stand on the 31st March, 1902?

The Witness—The undertaking earned a balance of £1,309; in 1903 the credit balance was £3,320 14s., and in 1904 it reached £5,220.

Mr. Kelly—And during that time the Corporation received free lighting from the Committee, equivalent to a sum of £2,268?

The Witness—Yes.
The Inspector—When was the old meter paid off?

The Witness—In 1900.
The Inspector—How much was it?

The Witness—£54,000, which was paid at the rate of £4,000 a year. Immediately the meter was paid off, the consumers and the Corporation got the benefit of the profits earned by the meter taking.

Mr. O'Sullivan handed in the price charged for gas since 1885. At that year it was 5s., present 3s. 8d. Do you remember, Mr. O'Sullivan, when Alderman Dornellan made an order suggested to the Gas Committee that contract coal should only be tested?

The Witness—Yes.
Answering the Inspector, the witness said three tenders were received for the raising of the retort house—from Mr. J. Connolly, Mr. Bourke, and Mr. T. Gough. The tender of Mr. Bourke was voted out as informal, a tender of Mr. Gough's was accepted.

The Inspector having looked into the matter, said he would be inclined to rule the tender of Mr. Gough's as somewhat informal.

After luncheon, Mr Fitzgerald again was present.

Mr O'Sullivan—The Inspector wishes to ask you a question. You heard Mr. Michael O'Brien's charge last evening, and he endeavours to prove to-day by the