

...the nighty specialised one of the  
ury. He had been Professor of  
phy, of Biblical Greek, and of  
o all these subjects he made con-  
importance. His type has now  
ble, for every subject has grown  
late years. But there can be no  
wide field of study enabled him to  
the Librarian of T.C.D. in a very  
feed. Most Librarians look after  
ject, but Dr. Abbott had so many  
ary did not suffer from narrow  
His successor in this difficult post  
y hard indeed to live up to the fine  
y Dr. Abbott."

## AND CHRISTMAS WORK.

P.O. staffs always get through the  
k with great expedition and every  
the public, but on the present  
al credit is due to them, having  
fact that both letters and parcels  
er in number than usual—the latter  
count of the Dublin strike. But  
ng this high pressure, cards and  
distributed, most of them in good  
tmas morning, and the balance by  
is a record on which the Post-  
he staffs of all grades are to be  
ratulated.

## BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

...nce of the holidays there will be no  
the Limerick Board of Guardians  
The next meeting will be held on the  
when an extended agenda awaits  
he Board has not assembled since the  
month.

## SNOWSTORM IN BIRR DISTRICT.

Birr, Monday.

all of snow came on last night in Birr  
with the result that in a short time  
was covered inches deep. Snow con-  
this morning, followed by a fairly  
On the Slieve Bloom Mountains  
of snow have been piled up in the  
leys between the hills. There is in  
s much as four or five feet of snow.

## WEATHER ON THE LOWER SHANNON.

Glin, Monday.

try weather prevailed in the Lower  
trict, rain, hail, strong winds, and  
have succeeded to the very mild fort-  
ended on Christmas Day.

## WOMAN'S DEATH IN A TRAIN.

...occurrence took place yesterday  
he train from Holywood to Belfast.  
Herdman, Resident Secretary for the  
ant Branch of the North British and  
Insurance Company, was traveling in  
when he suddenly took ill and  
few minutes. The deceased was 63  
years of age, and was well known in Belfast  
circles.

great vim. Skating will be continued each  
evening this week, except Friday, when a Fancy  
Dress Children's Ball in aid of the Penny Dinners  
will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and is certain  
to be a very attractive function. It will be seen  
by advertisement that from 8.30 to 12 o'clock on  
the same evening a Cinderella Ball has been  
arranged by the management of the Rink, and as  
prices are very moderate and a most enjoyable  
night assured, there should be a large attendance  
of the public.

## NEW MANAGER FOR L. AND N. W. RAILWAY.

There are very few positions in the world of  
commerce which carry with them a Cabinet  
Minister's salary.

Apparently the management of the London and  
North Western Railway Company, one of the  
biggest and most flourishing undertakings in  
existence, is one of them. In any case, a fortunate  
railway official, to whom this appointment has  
been offered, has cheerfully thrown up a post  
worth five thousand a year, in order to accept the  
office.

Sir Frank Ree, general manager of the London  
and North Western Railway Company, who will  
retire early in the new year, is, it is stated, to  
be succeeded by Mr. Guy Calthorp.

In making this appointment the directors have  
departed from a well established practice, and  
instead of selecting one of their present officers to  
fill the position, they have invited a former  
official to return to the company.

Although he is only forty-one years of age, Mr.  
Guy Calthorp has had a remarkable railway  
career. A nephew of Lord Alverstone, the  
former Lord Chief Justice, Mr. Calthorp joined  
the London and North Western Railway Company  
in 1886 as a junior on the staff of the  
superintendent of the line.

Some eight years later he was appointed super-  
intendent at Crewe, and in 1901 he became  
assistant to Sir Frederick Harrison, then general  
manager.

He became general superintendent of the Cale-  
donian Company, and he was about to become  
general manager when he received an offer of  
£5,000 a year from the Buenos Ayres and Pacific  
Railway Company, and this offer he accepted for  
five years. The directors of the London and  
North-Western Railway Company were so anxious,  
however, to secure his services that they begged  
his release from the Buenos Ayres and Pacific  
Company.

## DEATH OF MR. J. KIRBY.

The death occurred rather unexpectedly on  
Sunday morning of Mr. John Kirby, victualler,  
Charlotte Quay. The deceased had been in his  
usual health on Saturday, but complained before  
retiring to bed. His condition became worse as  
the morning advanced, and he passed away later  
to the great grief of his family and a large circle  
of friends.

## WESTMEATH SHOOTING OUTRAGE.

A farmer named Peter Leo, residing near  
Kilbeggan, was fired at on Saturday night at  
close range while returning from a local market.  
His right arm was completely blown off.  
Fortunately none of the pellets entered the body.  
The injured man has been taken to hospital,  
where he lies in a precarious condition. The  
cause of the outrage is alleged to be a dispute over  
a small farm. No arrests have been made.

ments. They request for clerks a minimum of  
£150 a year after 2) years' service or at the age  
of 37, and a salary of not less than £200 per  
annum for those holding positions of more than  
ordinary responsibility.

## NURSE'S FATAL DRIVE.

### Trap Capsized.

An inquest was held on Saturday on Mrs.  
Purell, midwife for Tynan dispensary district,  
County Armagh. Mrs. Purell borrowed a pony  
and trap from a neighbour for a drive last Friday,  
and was afterwards found lying unconscious on  
the roadside, with the pony and trap overturned  
on the road beside her. She had been lying there  
some fifteen minutes. The base of her skull was  
fractured, and she died on Christmas Day, with-  
out having recovered consciousness. A verdict of  
accidental death was returned.

## THE ATHENÆUM.

There were large audiences at the Athenæum  
last night to enjoy the cinematograph exhibition  
provided by the management. The programme  
opened with a fetching drama, entitled "Dinah's  
Decision," shown in two parts. It is a fascinating  
subject, in which the daughter of a wealthy  
banker plays the chief part. There is a thin vein  
of comedy running through the story, which is  
remarkably well done, and was followed with the  
closest attention. Another interesting subject  
was "The Lion's Bride," suggestive of the great  
Lafayette, while the comic picture "How Twee  
Married Mrs. Twee" depicted the bright side of  
life. Amongst the views presented were "Cupid  
and the Cook," and a western drama, "Sheriff of  
Cochise."

## LIMERICK QUARTER SESSIONS.

The General Quarter Sessions for the city will  
be held on Friday, the Crown business commencing  
at 11 a.m. on that day. There are no criminal  
cases for trial. The County business begins on  
Saturday, and here again there are no criminal  
cases for hearing. The civil list is of the  
average number of cases at January Quarter  
Sessions.

## TELEPHONE SERVICE WITH IRELAND.

### New Cable Laid to Howth.

The *Times* says—The laying of a new telephone  
cable between Nevin, in Carnarvonshire, and  
Howth, near Dublin, a feat which has just been  
accomplished by the Post Office cable ship  
Monarch during heavy weather has made a notable  
addition to the telephonic facilities between  
England and Ireland. The cable has a total  
length of sixty-four nautical miles, nearly seventy-  
four miles, and is the longest submarine telephone  
cable which has yet been laid. It was manufac-  
tured by Siemens Brothers, and is of the four-core  
pupin loaded design. Hitherto the only cable to  
Ireland has been between Port Mores, near Port-  
patrick, and Donaghadee.

Between 6 a.m. on Christmas Day and 6 o'clock  
on Boxing Day the members of the Me-  
tropolitan Fire Brigade were summoned to no fewer  
than twenty-five fires. Eight fires were due to  
chimneys catching fire while the Christmas turkey  
or goose was being roasted.