

of the hospitals, and we all feel, or should feel, it incumbent upon us to give a helping hand to these admirable institutions whenever they seek it. Spite of the fact that they are indispensable to the needs of humanity, it is rather a peculiar circumstance that the indebtedness of hospitals financially is of no uncommon occurrence. That is a fact to be regretted, but still, on the other hand, there is much consolation in knowing and realising that when the public are reminded that a hospital needs funds to enable it to pursue its unselfish work of charity, the generosity of all, rich and poor, is never found wanting. That has been our experience of Limerick many a time and oft, and we have not the smallest doubt that what our people have done in the past they will continue to do in the future. We are just now dealing with the actual present, and the need that exists for urgent and financial aid for Barrington's Hospital. It is, we feel, quite unnecessary for us to dilate on the invaluable work this venerable institution carries on for the benefit of the city and district. Its doors are open day and night for the reception of accidents. The bread-winner, who is temporarily stricken, finds friendly shelter within its walls, while the extern department is also an inestimable boon to the poor. The extent of the hospital's work, and the arduous labours of the able and painstaking medical and nursing staffs connected with it, may be judged by the fact that in 1913 the total number of intern patients received was 607, an increase of 63 over the previous year, while in the extern, or dispensary, 4,571 patients availed themselves of hospital treatment. These figures bear eloquent testimony to the splendid work that Barrington's is rendering to the city. But, unless additional funds are immediately forthcoming there is a serious danger that this great work will have to be curtailed, and we know what a grave loss to the humbler classes in particular it would be if such a contingency were to arise. We have the very depressing announcement in the report of the Committee presented at the annual meeting on Tuesday last that "The Hospital is in a very serious financial position, and it becomes a question whether it will be possible to continue its present beneficent work. Its credit is exhausted, while its annual income falls some £300 to £400 short of the amount requisite to meet the necessary expenditure. The utmost vigilance and economy have been exercised, and yet expenses show a tendency to increase while the income decreases," as the figures contained in the report show. How then is

OUT AND ABOUT.

The annual Ball in aid of the Bedford Row Hospital will be held at the Rank in the week after Easter.

Mr James Quin, J.P., presided at the City Police Court to-day. There was but one case, a charge of drunkenness for hearing.

The Lord Lieutenant has signed an Order in Council prohibiting the taking or destroying of the eggs of several species of wild birds in County Waterford between April 1st and August 1st, for five years from April 1st, 1914.

Mr. John Dickie, B.A., who has been appointed Senior Inspector under the National Board, is transferred from the South Dublin circuit to the Clonmel district. Mr. Welby, M.A., Senior Inspector, Clonmel, goes to North Dublin.

The Cork Distress Committee have received a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing a paying order for £400 as a further contribution in aid of the Committee's expenses under the Unemployed Workmen Act.

The author of "Unknown Mongolia" reports that the Russian Government is giving the ranchers of Outer Mongolia studs from the progeny of the famous Irish racer, "Galtee More," which was owned by the late Mr. J. Gubbins, Bruree, County Limerick.

At a special court held in Listowel, District Inspector Walsh charged a young man, of the farming class, named Morgan Flaherty, with the larceny of a horse, the property of his mother, on Sunday morning. A remand for eight days was granted.

A SAD CASE OF SUICIDE.

A sad case of suicide occurred at Singland on Tuesday afternoon. It appears that Michael McMahon, a small farmer, aged 46 years and married, who resided at Singland, cut his throat with a razor, inflicting such a wound that his head was practically severed from his body. The unfortunate victim's wife was the first person to know of the occurrence, and on raising an alarm her neighbours came on the scene, and word was conveyed to the Blackboy Police Station. Sergeant Kelly who was accompanied by Constable Lenihan was quickly at the place, and on entering the house found McMahon lying in a large pool of blood, with a blood stained razor by his side. Dr Mulcahy was also sent for, but on his arrival he pronounced life extinct. Sergeant Kelly made the usual inquiries, and having satisfied himself that the wound on deceased's throat was self inflicted, communicated with Coroner Clery, M.D., Hospital. The latter wired subsequently stating that he did not deem an inquest necessary.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Moderatorship.

Over 30 Presbyteries, out of 36, into which the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Churches in Ireland is divided, met on Tuesday, and made nominations for the Moderatorship for 1914 to 1915.

Rev. Dr. James Bingham, of Dundonald, Co. Down, Convener of the Elementary Education Committee, received over the requisite number of nominations, and his election in June is, therefore, assured.

The present Moderator is Rev. Dr. MacAulay, of Portadown.

LORD LIEUTENANT'S LEVEE.

Amongst those who received invitations to the first Levee of the season held by His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant in Dublin Castle on Tuesday were—Lords Emily, and Massy, Sir Vincent Nash, D.L.; County Court Judge C. F. Doyle, Mr. Turlogh O'Brien, D.L.; Mr. P. Lynch, K.C., County Inspector Hetred, Mr. D. S. Doyle, Assistant Registrar General, Mr. Henry R. Glynn,

was considered in the annual report for eleven and twelve years' service sixtieths. In like manner a further one in respect of each additional year of service a maximum not exceeding two-thirds annual salary and emoluments. For the efficient discharge of duty by an officer, a of years not exceeding ten, might for the of computation be added to the actual of the officer. As this concession had been or less a right, rather than a reward service with a view to securing more treatment in such cases, the Board considered desirable to set out a scale of added years in ordinary circumstances they would be to present. The scale was from ten to five completed service an addition of five years; a to twenty years, an addition of five years; and over twenty years, an addition years.

Mr Clifford—Has that anything to do late Medical Officer?

Mr Conway—No. It only refers to the of officers in fixing remuneration.

The communication was marked read, LABOURERS ACT.

A resolution was adopted on the motion Naughton, requesting the Local Gov Board to recommend the Estates Comm to issue to the Council the sum of £42 balance of the loan of £14,920 sanctioned purpose of carrying out the Labourers (un Order 1908.

The meeting of the Board of Guardians subsequently Mr. J. Power, Chairman, p SANCTIONED.

The Local Government Board wrote on the appointment of Dr W. Hederman as sary Medical Officer, Croom, at an initi of £150 per annum.

The other business transacted was rout

LIMERICK OPERATIC SOC

"The Geisha."

The Limerick Operatic Society gave second performance of "The Geisha" Theatre Royal, on Tuesday evening, under patronage of Colonel Cbbold and officers York and Lancaster Regiment. The house crowded in all parts. The production was a great success. All the principals were encored, and again Mr C. O'Connor's "W marked him out for special attention, Chi, Chinaman" eliciting no less the re-demands, and yet it was evident audience would have more. Miss Narg took the role of "O Mimoso San" (who impersonated by Mrs Griffith on the night and again last evening), acquitted with great success. She has a very pleasing and sang with grace and expression, while for her hearty encores, while her acting was realistic and finished to a degree. The only change in the cast. The performance went off with great spirit and as thoroughly enjoyed by the house.

There was again a very large audience evening.

To-morrow night's performance will be the patronage of the Mayor and High Sheriff. There will be a matinee on Saturday afternoon.

END OF THE DUBLIN STRIKE.

Coalmen and Docker Re-employed.

The chief feature of the Dublin strike on Tuesday was the general return on the part of the workers who were. About 400 of them secured employment were no vacancies for the others.

The strike is now generally regarded. The majority of the men who were re-employed Tuesday were dockers and coal-tippers, returned to work on the employers' terms.

LIMERICK ORCHESTRAL SOC

Forthcoming Concerts.

The Limerick Orchestral Society, num