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tion. Mr Crowin, J.P., said he would bring the matter before the District Council. At a meeting of the Limerick Asylum Officials' Association, votes of condolence were passed on the motion of the Chairman (Mr P Ahern) with Dr Irwin, R.M.S., on the death of his mother, Mr R Frost, B.C., a member of the Committee of Management, on the death of his son; and with Mr Coffey, storekeeper, on the death of his brother, Mr E Coffey, solicitor.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

A notice appeared in our last issue to the effect that the establishments of Messrs Todd and Co, Canneek & Co, McBirney & Co, Ml Egan, J & G Boyd, J P Evans and Co, John Quin and Co, and Willam Lloyd would be open all day both on today, Thursday, 21st, and Saturday next. They will be closed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 25th, 26th, and 27th instant. After the rush of Christmas trade the holidays will be much appreciated by the employes, and, doubtless, many other houses will fall into line in due course.

## DEATH OF MR JOHN MCKIERNAN

Many old friends in Rathkeale and throughout the county will regret to learn of the death of Mr John McKiernan, which took place on Tuesday night at his residence, 57 Strand Road, Sandy-mount, Dublin, at the ripe age of 82 years. The deceased, who had been ailing for some time past, had for a long span of years been an official of the Munster and Leinster Bank, and for nineteen years was manager at Rathkeale. He was held in the highest esteem by all classes of the community, being very popular both in public and private life. We tender to his family our sympathy in their bereavement. Deceased was eldest son of the late Dr J B McKiernan, Medical Superintendent of Ballinasloe Asylum, and his sons are Mr J F McKiernan, Manager Munster and Leinster Bank, Rathdowney, and Mr Arthur McKiernan, of this city. The funeral takes place to the family burial place at Kilmallock to-morrow on arrival of the 9.15 a.m. train from Kingsbridge.

## FUNERAL OF MR J A PIGOTT.

The funeral of Mr John Alfred Pigott, J.P., Tullamaine, Upper Leeson st, took place yesterday to Mount Jerome Cemetery. There was a large attendance of mourners. The very large number of the floral tributes bore testimony to the esteem in which the late gentleman was held. They included beautiful wreaths from the staffs of Messrs Pigott and Co at Cork, Limerick, and Dublin, and from the deceased gentleman's household staff. Rev A B Mack was the officiating clergyman.

The chief mourners were:—Nell Pigott (daughter), Mrs Jack Nunn (daughter), Charles Pigott (son), Captain Pigott (son), J H Nunn (son-in-law).

## CARDINAL LOGUE'S GOLDEN JUBILEE.

Dismissing an action by Weetropp, Lismehane, O Clare, to compel the Conge preserve to him, for the m hane and Fortane, the turb land Commission vesting 1912, Mr Justice Barton, ir before whom the case was said he was of opinion th question did not give the pl bary which he claimed, E the property.

## XMAS CHARITIES

General and Mrs Lloyd, usual generosity have given priests of Rathkeale for the

## SEEDS FOR SMA

In the House of Common Mr T M Healy asked th the Lord Lieutenant of Government Board would be of having the Seed Potat amended; with a view t Guardians to supply seed t spring to labourers and sr affected by the present pr Mr Duke—Yes, sir.

## REBELLION F

In the House of Comm Dillon moved the adjourn order to call attention refusal to release the u The Chief Secretary hop to-night.

## MEATLESS

London Mr Landon, M.P., has Lord Devonport stating Thursday has been selecte quite unauthorised and wit

## IRISH DISTILLERIES PURPOSE

According to informatio terday from London, say the "Morning Post," the C has decided to take over, whole product of all Irish tion purposes. It was produced by pot still wo apparently it is the intent to adapt their plant to moment. The new dev course, affect the retail must now be three years for public consumption. Information was also ic the question of prohibitio the Government, and a de fore the end of the year.