business, of factories, of scientific and commercial advance, and those who comprehend the difference will understand that it is nearly beyond belief. Germany, one must acknowledge, has done what Great Britain has never done or had to do. Great Britain has had a clear start in trade and manufactures for 50 to 60 years, but Germany has tackled the problem, and notwithstanding this, has nearly caught it up.'

Doctors' Manners.

Women, more so than men, attach a good of importance to the manners of a doctor, whom it may be necessary to call in, and the "British Medical Journal" has some interesting notes on the question of the demeanour which it is most desirable for a medical man to adopt. Some doctors, in order to look thoughtful and wise, affect the grave air and tone to such an extent as to suggest the undertaker, and take leave of their patients as if it were their last meeting on earth. Others adopt the cheery bedside manner, which is in every way preferable, and although we may not so readily think so, there is no reason why such a doctor should not be as clever as his dismal colleague. A third attitude, which is not popular, is the Abernethy, and those who have met with such treatment at the hands of a medical man, will be disposed to approve the reply given to such a doctor by a patient. The physician, who was very rough and harsh in his manner, observed to a patient to whom he had been extremely rude, "Sir, it is my way." "Then," returned his indignant patient, pointing to the door, "I beg you will make that your way."

An Optimistic League.

A Lancashire minister recommended "No Hump" as a very good new year resolution, and it suggests that we might follow the example of America in an endeavour to start a "No Hump League." It is not an authorised expression, but everyone knows what it means. The philosophy of cheerfulness is not given to all of us, but a good deal may be done by the determination to look on the bright side of things and not to allow little trifles to vex or anger us. It is the optimist who gets on in life. Just as the cheery manner works wonders in the nursery, so it is in the larger affairs of life, and as one of the tenets of the American Optimistic Club says—"Nobody can compute the value of a smile; a frown has cost a kingdom."

Astronomy and Astrology.

No person doubts that Sir David Gill was perfectly right when he described all the predictions of astrology as the purest rubbish, and indeed the most superficial examination of the claims of astrologists is sufficient to show that their so-called science is nothing but a farrogo of impossible nonsense. At the same time it is interesting to recall the fact that when the study of astronomy was in its infancy, and even when it had made considerable progress, astronomers always associated astronomy with astrology. Many illustrations of this error are afforded by Sir Robert Ball in his "Great Astronomers." Tycho Brake, for instance, considered that the phenomena of the heavenly bodies always had some significance in connection with human affairs, and he acquired some temporary fame by announcing that the lunar eclipse was a prognostication of the death of a great Turkish Sultan. Presently news did arrive of the death of the Sultan, but later intelligence showed that the decease took place before, not after, the eclipse.

THOUGHTS FOR TO-NIGHT AND TO-MORROW.

"If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain.
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robbin
Unto his nest again
I shall not live in vain."

. . . . Argue not
Against Heaven's hand or will, nor bate a jot
Of heart or hope; but still bear up and steer
Right onward.
—Milton.

NEWS-NOTES AND NOTIONS.

THE CITY DEATH RATE.

The death rate of the city for the week ending January 11th, was 25·0 per 1,000. The figures for the four weeks were—December 21st, 23·3. December 28th, 19·3. January 4th, 25·1. January 11th, 25·0. Average rate for the four weeks, 23·3. The highest death rates were—Sligo, 38·4; Lisburn, 45·5; Newtownards, 40·1; Drogheda, 28·6; Tralee, 31·7; Waterford, 27·3. The lowest death rates were—Wexford, 4·7; Clonmel, 5·1; Ballymena, 9·6; Lurgan, 8·7; Galway. 11·7; Newry, 12·6.

LECTURES ON BUTTER MAKING.

The travelling and other lectureships connected with dairying have so far only had the result of producing quantities of very bad butter (says 'Country Life.') No improvement in the supply can be traced to them, and no doubt this is mainly due to the lack of personal supervision. After all, butter making is not a mystery. There is no royal road to success in it. The main point, the alpha and omega of the art is cleanliness.

CARE OF ROOM PLANTS IN WINTER.

The winter is a very trying time for those occupants of our homes. The extra firing and burning of gas that has to be resorted to tends to render the atmosphere of the rooms dry and dusty, and this is far from being beneficial to healthy plant life. Some people who are aware of this evil try to avoid it, and do what is equally detrimental, namely, allow the plants in seldom used rooms, and of course these get too cold for them. Of the two drawbacks the former is the lesser, so long as the plants are kept from being directly under the gas or in front of the fire. The dryness of the room and dirty appearance of the plants must be counterbalanced by more frequent spongings. These remarks apply to Palms, Aspidistras, India-rubber Plants, Castor Oil Plants and others of a similar character.

THE SHOPKEEPER'S REVERIE.

When trade grew slack, and bills fell due,
The tradesman's face grew long and blue;
His dreams were troubled through the night
With sheriff's bailiffs all in sight,
At last his wife unto him said,
"Rise up at once, get out of bed,
And get your paper, ink and pen,
And say those words unto all men—
'My goods I wish to sell to you,
And to your wife and daughters too,
My prices are so very low,
That all will buy before they go.'"
He did as his good wife advised,
And in the paper advertised.
Crowds came and bought of all he had,
His bills were paid, his dreams were glad,
And he will tell you to this day
How well did printers' ink repay.

A CURIOUS PERMUTATION OF FIGURES.

It is not often that a father and his eldest son celebrate their birthday on the same day, but such was the case on Tuesday with the Marquis of Lansdowne and the Earl of Kerry. The former is 63 and the latter 36, a curious permutation of figures.

CHIPS OF SENSE AND SATIRE.

If you sow wild oats, you'll reap tares.

Money talks—but the lack of it is a good grumbler.

To flatter a good man is needless, a bad one an insult.

Fortune does not change men; it merely unmasks them.

Opportunity knocks at the door, importunity comes right in.

The Tree of Knowledge always needs the sunshine of experience.

SPECIAL CHURCH OFFERINGS

On Sunday Next.

In connection with the "Pan-Anglican Congress" in London next June, a Thanksgiving Service will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral on June 24th (St. John the Baptist's Day). At this Service Thanksoffering will be presented by the Bishops from all the Provinces of the Anglican Church, and a very large fund will thus be provided for the development and strengthening of the Church especially in the Colonies, and the Foreign Mission Field. The collection at that Service will probably exceed £10,000. The Thanksoffering of the Irish Church will be devoted to the Church in Western Canada. An enormous population is growing up in the far West, and many thousands of English and Irish Churchmen are settling there. For some years these will be little able to undertake the cost of ministrations of religion and the erection of Churches. The gift from our Church will be a welcome help to the Canadian Bishops of the West. The offerings of the Church of Ireland will not pass through the hands of either of our Great Missionary Societies. They will not be paid either to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel or the Colonial and Continental Church Society, but will be en bloc sent to the Archbishop of Rupertsland, a devoted and earnest Missionary and Organizer, to be expended as in his judgment, that to the Western Bishops may be most helpful. On Sunday next in almost all Churches in Ireland offerings will be asked for this object. The many blessings received by the Church of Ireland in late years should prompt a willing and large Thanksoffering—[Com.]

A MILITARY OFFENDER

For making a false attestation at the time of enlisting in the Limerick City Militia, Thomas Kelly was sent to gaol for fourteen days by the City Bench yesterday.

HELD OVER

We are reluctantly obliged to hold over several items to-day. They shall appear in our next issue.

LADY DUNRAVEN

Lady Dunraven being one of the patronesses of the Irish Industries Association, is turning to home industries for most of her daughter's trousseau. Lady Aileen Wyndham Quin is having a number of her dresses made of Irish poplin, trimmed with Irish lace, and Irish tweed costumes, she also being very patriotic, is desirious of patronising Irish manufacture.

DEATH OF MR. E. BYRNES

We regret to record the death of Mr. Edward Byrnes, which took place at his residence, Cathedal Place. The deceased, (who had been connected with the pig buying trade), was in failing health for some time past, and his death, which took place on Wednesday morning last, was not unexpected. The funeral which took place on yesterday (Friday), from St. John's Cathedral to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, was of large dimensions, and testified to the high esteem in which deceased was held. Much sympathy is expressed with his young wife and family. Rev. Fr. Murphy, C.C.; and Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald, C.C.; officiated at the graveside.

THE MAYOR'S THANKS

Yesterday in the Police Court, the Mayor warmly thanked Mr. Hickson and the other magistrates, the legal gentlemen and officials, and the police for the consideration and kindness, he had always received while attending there as chief magistrate.

Mr. Hickson and Head-Constable Moore responded.

The Town Clerk also thanked the police for their services at the election. He said the arrangements being admirable, and every thing went off nicely.

THE FOYNES FATALITY

The body of Patrick Griffin, sailor, who was accidentally drowned in Foynes harbour on the 13th November last, was cast up on the foreshore at Mount Trenchard last evening.

THE CITY SHRIEVALTY.

The correspondent of to-day's 'Examiner' says—It is understood that Sir Thomas H. Cleeve, who at the Municipal Elections resigned the office of Councillor for the Castle Ward, will be a candidate for the City Shrievalty. He is the only gentleman named so far, and it is probable that he will not be opposed. The appointment is a purely honorary one, and rests with the Council under the provisions of Mr. Butt's Act and the Local Government Act.

ALLEGED PERSONATION

In the City Petty Sessions Court yesterday John J. Griffin, otherwise known as "Goose was charged with personation in the Market Ward on the 15th. District Inspector White said the accused was arrested at the instance of the Presiding Officer, and it was the duty of the Corporation now to prosecute. A remand on bail was granted for a week.

COUNTY COUNCIL DOINGS

At to-day's meeting of the County Council the Secretary said they were in debt £4,838 on the general account, and £1,838 on the subsidiary account, Road payments £1,209 were due making the total debt £6,875. There was £30,944 out of £46,335 poor rate still outstanding.

Subject to legal authority a loan for grant of £200 was decided on towards the erection of a Technical School at Hospital, the rates of Kilmallock as security.

Mr. Leahy reported that malicious injury claims for £1,723 10s. 1d. had been made at the recent Quarter Sessions, and £1,382 10s. with interest, expenses and costs had been allowed making probably another £100. This meant a rate of 1½d in the £. An appeal was ordered in five cases from the Eastern Division.

A resolution welcoming the restored unity in the Irish Party was passed.

Mr. E. Mitchell was unanimously appointed Returning Officer to the Council for next June elections.

A vote of condolence with Mr. Philip Madden, on the death of his mother, was unanimously passed.

It was decided in reference to the complaint of the Ratepayers' Protective Association as to the borrowing of £15,000 to carry out road improvements in the several rural districts that for each £ borrowed for the permanent improvement of the roads in the county, an equal sum be set aside to credit of each Rural District.

It was decided to ask that all fines received at the Petty Sessions under the School Attendance, Dogs Collaring and Vehicle Lights Act should be handed to the County Council to be applied towards the relief of the rates.

It was decided to exempt August and September from the operations of the 'Lights Up' Act.

By seven votes to 4 it was decided that three guineas should be the fee for the presiding officers, and a guinea for polling clerks at the forthcoming elections.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Scariff Guardians have a balance in hand of £400, which the clerk states will will carry them to the end of the year if nothing extra crops up.

We understand that Captain the Hon. E. B. Stopford, younger son of the venerated and venerable Earl of Courtown is leaving Norelands, South Kilkenny, and has taken a house at Courtown Harbour.

In the Ennis Lunatic Asylum there are 231 males and 193 females.

There are 456 paupers in the Ennis workhouse, costing 5s. 3½d. each; in the hospital 2 costing 11s. 4½d. each per week.

Ennis Guardians have a credit balance at the bank of £1,165 18s. 7d.

The Scariff Guardians have fixed the salary of the doctor for the Feakle dispensary district at £100, by 19 votes to 5 given for a resolution that the salary should be £130, and have passed a vote of condolence with the family of the late Dr. Donworth.

The tender of Mr. J. O'Dea, Clarecastle, to erect a stove in the night nurse's apartments at the Kildysart workhouse, for £3 17s. 6d., has been accepted. The other tenders were £5 14s. 6d. and £5 13s.

The Ballycorick dispensary house cost the Kildysart Guardians £15) to erect. This week hey decided to appoint a caretaker (Dan Scanlan), at £4 a year, to look after it.

The following cases of drunkenness have been dealt with at Kilkee:—Michael McMahon, fined 2s. 6d. and costs; Sinon Behan, 2s. 6d. and costs; John Burns, 10s. 6d. and costs; Pat Kenneally, 1s. and costs; Tom McCarthy, 2s. 6d. and costs; James McCarthy and Sinon Ryan, 5s. and costs; and Martin Lucy, for being riotous, 5s. and costs.

The Countess of Limerick is laid up with severe influenza at Dromore Castle, but to-day is reported to be much better while Lord Glentworth is on the way to recovery.

Mr. John F. Mahony has been appointed veterinary inspector to Cork Rural District Council.

The illness is reported by the Very Rev. Canon Flynn, P.P., V.F., Killea, Co. Waterford, who is suffering from pneumonia.

TO-DAY'S POLICE COURT.

Alice Mullivan was fined 40s. and costs for being riotous.

John Caulfield was fined 10s. for drunkenness.

Christina Roche remanded to her father's care till next Friday, charged with stealing a shawl belonging to Mrs. Hooligan.

Richard Scott and Robert Bourke, lime kiln frequenters, each sentenced to month's imprisonment.

LADY AILEEN WYNDHAM QUIN.

By an inadvertance in our issue of Thursday we omitted to say that the meeting in promotion of the wedding present from the ladies of the West County Limerick was held in the house of Mrs. Hunt, Inchirourke.

The marriage of Lady Aileen Wyndham Quin and Lord Ardee will take place at the Guards' Chapel, London, on Wednesday, February 12, at 11.30 a.m.

FOOTBALL.

MUNSTER V. LEINSTER.

The first of the Inter-Provincial matches was played at the Markets' enclosure this afternoon between Leinster and Munster. Favourable weather prevailed. When the teams lined out as 3 o'clock there was over a couple of thousand of spectators present. All the arrangements incidental to the match were admirably carried out, and everyone was pleased. The teams lined out just as announced yesterday and all looked fit and well. The following are the teams:—

W. P. Hinton (Old Wesley); H. Thrift (Dublin University), C. P. James (Monkstown), A. J. Carrig (Bective Rangers), C. Kelsall (Wanderers); H. R. Aston and F. R. Smarts (Dublin University); G. Hamlet (Old Wesley), B. Solomons, T. J. Harpur (Dublin University), H. S. Sugars, (Lansdowne), M. Garry (Bective), Adams (Old Wesley), J. J. O'Boyle, (Blackrock College), and R. H. Magill (Clontarf).

Full—Forbes (Queen's College); threequarter—Centres, J. Brian (Garryowen); J. Musgrave (Constitution); P. Roche (Queen's College), R. Magrath (Constitution); halves, Desmond (Constitution); Joe O'Connor (Garryowen); forwards—R. Leonard, capt., T. Halpin (Garryowen); A. W. Riordan, T. Reeves (Constitution); Baxter, Denneby (Cork County), P. Hayes, D. Barry (Queen's College).

Refree—Mr. R. Lynch, G.F.C.

THE PLAY.

Hamlet opened against incline, and the ball rolled into touch in Munster 25. A scrum followed the throw in and Leinster quartette were seen in a passing movement. Thrift received and punted to touch, after which there were a few exchanges. Brinn received, and for the first time the game was in Leinster half. Desultory play ensued, and O'Connor knocked on when matters were looking well. Desmond next threw into the scrum crooked, and Hinton punted to Musgrave, who failed to hold. The Munster forwards then led a rush, which Carrig stemmed by making his mark. A sensation was then caused by Aston giving to Smart at the half way, who ran through the whole opposition for a try, which Hinton converted. Following the drop out Desmond dribbled to Leinster 25, where Barry was tackled by James. Munster pressed, and Hinton returned well to Musgrave, who made his mark at the quarter way line. Forbes tried to drop a goal, and then Thrift ran to the half way, where a forward pass was whistled up. Loose play followed, and Munster effected a footing in Leinster territory. Thrift punted to Forbes, who knocked on. Munster lines were no evaded. Relief came per O'Connor, and McGrath brought off a double tackle of Carrig and Kelsall when things looked shaky for Munster. James next essayed a drop goal which failed, and Leinster returned to the attack and Aston went over. Hinton failed to convert. Musgrave dropped. Leinster changed the venue to Munster 25. Thrift scored at corner, and Hinton failed to goal. Leinster forwards swooped down on Munster lines and Adams raised the fourth try which Thrift did not improve on.

HALF TIME.

Leinster	...	1 goal and 4 tries (14 points)
Munster	...	Nil

In the second half Leinster had practically all their own way and added three more scores per Thrift, Kelsall, and Solomons. Barry scored Munster's only try, which Musgrave easily converted. At the full time whistle the score stood:—

Leinster	...	2 goals and 5 tries (25 points)
Munster	...	1 goal (5 points)

THE FIFERS' TROUBLES

At Newcastle Quarter Sessions yesterday, his Honour Judge Adams awarded the Castletown Fife and Drum Band 15 guineas and 15s. expenses for the malicious smashing of their instruments by some persons unknown in Nov. last. It was said it had been done because the band, being non-political, would not lend their room to the labourers for their meetings. His Honour described the outrage as dastardly, especially when directed against an organization that did something to relieve the deadly dullness of country life, a fruitful cause of driving the people from the land.

KILKEE ELECTION

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

In the South Ward, the result of poll was:—Thomas Marrinan, blacksmith, 45; Patrick Marrinan, carpenter, 40. Spoilt votes, 2.

HOCKEY

The Selection Committee of the Munster Hockey Union met at Cruise's Royal Hotel last evening after the North v South Munster match and selected the following team to meet Leinster in Cork on the 25th inst:—

Goal, H. McCullogh (Limerick). Fulls, Goldie (Cork Co.), right; Beatty (Clonmel), left. Halves, Ross (Cork Co.), right; Holmes (Blackrock road), centre; H. Fogerty (Lim'k. Co), left. Forwards. H. Daly (Cork County, outside right O'Keeffe (Clonmel), inside right; Kennefic (Clonmel), centre; Devenish (Middleton Coll.), inside left, and Beamish (Dunmanway), outside left.

VETERAN GONE.

DEATH OF MR. AMBROSE HALL, J.P.

Interesting Reminiscences of a Strenous Life.

We record with very sincere regret this evening the death of one of the oldest and certainly one of the most esteemed of our fellow citizens, Mr. Ambrose Hall, J.P., who passed away at his residence, Mignon, North Strand, yesterday morning at a ripe old age.

HIS LAST ILLNESS.

Though Mr. Hall seemed somewhat feeble of late he was out and about up to the beginning of the New Year, since which time he had been confined to his house suffering from an attack of influenza, but even within the past week it was announced that the venerable gentleman was improving. A relapse, however, set in, and something after six yesterday morning he passed away to his reward.

CONNECTIONS WITH THE PAST.

By Mr. Hall's death, Limerick is the poorer for the loss of a familiar and popular personality—one who has been prominently identified with the daily life of this old city for considerably more than half a century, and whose vivid and retentive memory (to the last) carried him even far further back, so far as the roll of years is concerned. Mr. Hall, in his earlier life, carried on the business of a wholesale ironmonger in William street. After that he was engaged in the commission business, and was an extensive house and land agent up to his retirement, now several years ago. He was a member of the Corporation from the sixties for something like thirty years, down to the time of the operation of the Local Government Act in 1899, when he retired, but during that period he had withdrawn from Municipal life for a time, and then returned again to the Municipal Chamber, where he was ever a conspicuous figure.

AN ARDENT DEBATER.

He was a man whose views often ran counter to his fellow members. Some people might indeed say that he was firm, even to stubborness, in his opinions, but by none was his honesty of purpose ever doubted. The interests of Limerick were always his first consideration, whether as a ratepayer, an employer, or the friend of the poor, and so in the heat of debate, Mr.—or as he was later on known as—Ald. Hall was always highly respected and esteemed, whether he was in a minority or majority.

STIRRING EVENT RECALLED.

The year 1875 was an eventful one in Mr. Hall's corporate life. Looking up the files of the "Chronicle" we see that the 1st December of the previous year was a lively day in the Council Chamber. This was the date under the old Corportion law for the election of Mayor for the year, and on this occasion there were four candidates, including the late Ald. John F. Walker and Alderman Hall. The final poll lay between these two gentlemen, and the late Alderman J. J. Cleary, J.P. (who filled the civic chair from '72 to '74) claimed the right to a casting vote, which he gave in favour of Mr. Walker whom he declared elected. The late Alderman Tinsley claimed the right of the senior Alderman to the casting vote which he gave to Mr. Hall, and held he was duly elected and so the matter stood for the present.

But as we learn from further inquiries, Mr. Hall immediately took proceedings in the Queen's Bench before the late Judge Keogh, who upset the election on the ground that it was not the Mayor but the senior Alderman who had the casting vote, and accordingly Mr. Hall became occupant of the civic chair from about the month of February till the end of the year 1875. Then on the 1st December Mr. Walker was unanimously elected his successor for the following year.

AS MAYOR OF THE CITY.

During his year of office, Mr. Hall effected many improvements for the city, and as showing his interest in the poor he gave what is described as a great Calico Ball in the Theatre which realized something like £500, and the function was attended by the notabilities of Limerick and Clare.

INTERESTING CELEBRATIONS.

In his capacity as Mayor Mr. Hall attended the O'Connell Centenary Celebrations in Dublin in company with the late Mr. Maurice Lenihan, historian of Limerick, Mr. James Forrest, our present esteemed City High Constable, who has held that office for some 34 years, and the Mayor's Sergeants at Mace, with members of the Council as well.

But Mr. Hall was prominently identified with the history of the city both anterior and subsequent to the year of his Mayoralty. On the return of the Papal Brigade towards the end of the fifties, Mr. Hall, with Mr. J. C. Garrick, President of the Congregated Trades, Mr. Forrest and others were instrumental in organising a most successful banquet in their honor in Limerick.

THE SARSFIELD STATUE.

Another matter with which his name name is very largely identified is the Sarsfield Statue, which was erected on the grounds of St. John's Cathedral in the year 1881.

POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LIFE

Mr. Hall was a Liberal in politics, not of a very prominent type, though he took an active interest in the famous election in which Major Gavin, Messrs Ball and Spaight (afterwards Sir James) were the candidates. Mr. Hall was a great friend of the late Sir Peter Tait, who was Mayor of Limerick in 1866, and who left the Limerick Army Clothing Factory as a testimony to his worth. With latter day politics, however, Mr. Hall was quite out of touch.

Mr. Hall was connected with various other public boards besides the Corporation during his long public career. Amongst them were the Munster Fair Commissioners, the Limerick Board of Guardians, of which he was an ex-officio guardian under the old Poor Law regime, and the Limerick Fishery Conservators.

HIS LAST EFFORTS

One of his latest appearances in connection with public projects was before the Harbour Board some months ago, when he forcibly advocated the necessity for a new swivel bridge and he was also the first who actually suggested and thus originated the inauguration of a local fund for the brave Quilty fishermen who rescued the crew of the ill-fated Leon XIII.

INTEREST IN CLARE COUNTY.

In addition to the interest which he always took in the city of Limerick, Mr. Hall took a great pride in Kilkee, where he spent a considerable time each season of late years, and the year before last took a leading part in welcoming the Lord Lieutenant and the Countess of Aberdeen on a visit to the 'Brighton of the West."

"EVERY INCH A MAN."

In private as in public life, Mr. Hall was highly respected and esteemed. His word was as good as his bond, as has been well said "Amby Hall was every inch a man and a good man." Every good and philanthropic work had his hearty sympathy and practical support, and in such circumstances as these, he was never appealed to in vain.

HIS MEMORIES OF THE PAST.

He was a most interesting "reconteur" of Limerick history, and he had a most vivid recollection of events connected with the dim and distant past. Indeed it is said his memory brought him clearly back to the great powder explosion in 1839 at the corner of Denmark street, and even to some earlier events in the thirties, and in all these matters his assistance was always readily given, the Editor of the "Chronicle" having on many occasions received valuable information from him touching the records of the past.

It is interesting to relate that Colonel Thomas O'Rielly the first Roman Catholic Mayor of Capetown, served his time to Mr. Hall in the hardware business, and whenever he visited his native city was received by the deceased gentleman with his customary hospitality and bonhomie.

AS A MAGISTRATE.

Mr. Hall was a Magistrate for the City where he held considerable house property, and for Clare where he was a landed proprietor. On the bench as in other walks of life he was most upright and impartial, and it may be added that for a layman he was wonderfully well 'up' in Municipal and Sessions law. He was twice married—first to a daughter of the late Mr. Wm Purcell, for many years a member of the Corporation, and subsequently to a daughter of the late Mr. Wm. Henry Hall, who was Mayor of Limerick in 1853. Mr. Hall has sons in the legal and medical professions, and another son, the late Mr. Wm. J Hall, B.E., was Harbour Engineer of the Port of Limerick for many years.

References at the Petty Sessions.

At the City Petty Sessions yesterday tribute was paid to the memory of the late Mr. Ambrose Hall, J.P., by the adjournment of the Court and sympathetic references from his colleagues on the bench.

Mr. W. Holliday said it was his painful duty to propose the adjournment of the court out of respect to the memory of Mr. Ambrose Hall, whose death had taken place that morning. Mr Hall was

THE OLDEST CITY MAGISTRATE,

and was known to him for the last forty years He was an old and respected citizen, and had occupied a seat on the bench during the greater period he was known to him (Mr. Holliday). The deceased gentleman had always displayed integrity, straightforwardness and uprightness during his career, and his decisions as a magistrate were

JUST AND IMPARTIAL.

Mr. D. L. Roche said he desired to be associated with Mr. Holliday in the eloquent tribute he had paid to the late Mr. Hall, who was a man he had always admired. Since he had come on the bench he had come into closer touch with Mr. Hall, and he should say of him that he had always found him to be

KIND TOWARDS THE POOR.

in his decisions there had been always shown the utmost impartiality. On the other hand when Mr. Hall met a person who deserved punishment he was not slow to administer it. Personally he regretted that the Bench had lost the benefit of his advice, which was always given generously, and after a long life well spent, Mr. Hall had gone to the reward which he had earned.

Mr. J. Dundon, solr., said it was with the most

PROFOUND REGRET AND SORROW

that he desired on behalf of the profession and himself to be associated with the expressions of sympathy. He had been a practising solicitor in that court for almost forty years, and he didn't think he exaggerated when he said that in his experience a more

FEARLESS, UPRIGHT AND HONEST

magistrate had not sat on the bench during that period. He was a fine character, a man that had fought his corner strenuously, but never gave offence.

District Inspector White said on behalf of the Constabulary he wished to join in the general expression of sympathy occasioned by the death of Mr. Hall who was an honest and fearless magistrate. He was a gentleman who had always discharged his duty honestly and conscientiously. Furthermore he was ever

THE FRIEND OF THE POLICE

who regretted his demise.

Mr E. F. Hickson, R.M, said perhaps he was more closely connected with Mr. Hall than any other magistrate. He had known him for the last thirteen years, and he was one of the most prominent citizens. Like the late Dr. O'Shaughnessy he was a well known magistrate, and they

ALL ADMIRED HIM

for his straightforwardness, his courage, and that unquestioned impartiality with which he discharged his magisterial duties in that court. There was never a man who went into a case more closely than he did, and if he saw any sound reason for leaving off a delinquent he always did and he (Mr. Hickson) was greatly influenced by the view he took of cases coming before the Court. It was a great source of regret that the occasion should arise for such a resolution, but Mr. Hall had passed away at a grand old age, and it was sad to think that of the very large bench of magistrates who were there when he (Mr. Hickson) came to Limerick thirteen years ago, there was only one gentleman, who was not there that day, that had not gone across the bourne. Out of respect to Mr. Hall's memory he declared the court adjourned, and ordered that a resolution of condolence be conveyed to his family.

MAYORAL SYMPATHY.

Subsequently the Mayor (Mr. John Kerr, T.C.) attended, and expressed regret that he was not present before the magistrates had left, to associate himself with the vote of condolence passed on the death of Mr. Ambrose Hall. He now wished to join in the expression of sympathy, which was generally felt in the city.

THE TOWN CLERK.

The Town Clerk also associated himself with the vote of condolence.

The Court then adjourned.

The Funeral

The funeral will take place on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, from his late residence, Mignon, the Strand.

THE CHURCH.

P.Y.M.A.

Bible Class—January 20—Subject: "The New Sanctuary and New Covenant." Hebrews VIII.

Presbyterian Church

Rev. D. McCausland, B.A., has succeeded Rev. W. G. Smyth, as assistant to Rev. R. H. Semple, M.A., and begins his Ministry in Limerick to-morrow.

TO-MORROW'S SERVICES.

St. Mary's Cathedral.—January 19th—2nd Sunday after the Epiphany—Matins and Holy Communion, 11.30; Psalm 95, Hindle in D; Psalm 96 (Seaper in A), Psalm 97 (The Rev. Treasurer Haydn); Service, Tours in F; Hymn, 113; Introit, 369 (verses 1 and 4), Communion Service, Tours in F; Preacher, Rev. Canon Foley, Tralee (Prebendary of Effin). Evensong, 3 30; Psalms 98 and 99, Goss in A, Elvey in D, and Stewart in A; Service, Tours in F; Anthem, "O Taste and See" (Goss), Hymns, 109 and 425; Preacher, Rev. Canon Foley. N.B—Special collection towards Thank-offering from the Church of Ireland for the help of the Church in West Canada to be presented at the Pan-Anglican Conference in June.

St. Michael's Church.—2nd Sunday after Epiphany—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop; Offertory for the West Canada Church Fund. Children's Service, at 3.30 p.m.; Evening Prayer, 6.30.

St. John's Church—January 19th—2nd Sunday after Epiphany.—Morning Prayer, 11.30; Evening Prayer, 7.0; Preacher at both Services the Rector. Morning Offertory devoted to the C.I. gift to Canada in connection with Pan-Anglican Conference.

St. Munchin's Church.—Morning Service 11.30; Evening Service, 6.30. Holy Communion after Evening Service. Preacher, Rev. T. B. Robertson. Collection for West Canada Fund.

Trinity Church—Jan. 19 -2nd Sunday after Epiphany—Morning Prayer at 11.30; Preacher, Rev. J. T. Waller, M.A.; Offertory on behalf of the Thankoffering from the Church of Ireland for the Church in N.W. Canada. Evening Prayer at 6.30; Preacher, Rev. R. M. Gilbert, B.A.; Children's Service at 3.30.

St. Patrick's Church (Parteen)—2nd Sunday after Epiphany—Morning Prayer at 11.45. Preacher, Rev. R. A. Adderley, M.A.

Presbyterian Church (Lr. Mallow-street)—Morning, 11.30; Preacher, Rev. R. H. Semple, M.A. (Cantab), Evening, 6.30; Preacher, Rev. D. McCausland, B.A.

Methodist Church (George Street)—Hours of Service—Morning, 11.30; Evening, 6.30. Preacher, Rev. Benson E. Gentleman.

Central Hall (Bedford Row)—Lantern Service, 8 to 9 p.m.

Kilkeedy Church. — Morning Service and Holy Communion, 11.30; Evening Service (in Church), 4.0.

The Baptist Chapel, Military Road.—Jan. 19th—Morning Service, 11.30; Evening 6.30. Pastor, Rev. Wm. C. Cowden. Sunday School, 10.5 a.m., general instruction in the Bible and singing; all children welcome.

Society of Friends, Cecil Street—Jan. 19th—Morning, 11 a.m.

Ennis Market.

JAN.

Hay—30s 40s 0d per
Straw—29s to 30s.
Reed, none.
Potatoes—5½d to 6½d per stone.
Turnips (white), 10s.
Turnips (Swedes) 14s 0d to 19s.
Oats—10d to 10½d.
Firkin Butter—61s to 63s.
...; young ducks, 2s. 0d. to 3s. 3d. per pair, eys, from 10s to 18s per pair. Geese, from 8s per pair,

Stop Press News

THE REALM OF SPORT

TO-DAY'S RACING

Hurst Park Meeting

RICHMOND SELLING.

Genuine	...	...	...	1
Orpington	...	...	...	2
Auburns Dreams	...	...	...	3

Betting—7 to 4 agst winner.

WEIR SELLING.

Wepner	...	...	...	1
Specifical	...	...	...	2
Oakbark	...	...	...	3

6 ran.

Betting—5 to 1 agst winner.

JANUARY PLATE.

Sherwood	...	...	...	1
Milane	...	...	...	2
Retrieve	...	...	...	3

8 ran.

Betting—10 to 1 agst winner.

MIDDLESEX 'CHASE.

Chessington	...	...	...	1
Baeldi	...	...	...	2
Denmark	...	...	...	3

8 ran.

Betting—8 to 1 agst winner.

NOVICES' PLATE.

Storm Jack	...	...	...	1
Flax Park	...	...	...	2
Collarmaker	...	...	...	3

9 ran.

Betting—9 to 4 agst Collarmaker, 4 to 1 Flax Park, 100 to 9 Storm Jack.

THE MAYORALTY.

The names are mentioned of Mr. E. J. Long (City High Sheriff), Alderman Donnellan, and Mr. P. Bourke for the Mayoralty. The election takes place next Thursday.

GRAND CONCERT.

In to-day's issue we give particulars of a grand concert which Mr. Paul Bernard, a past master in getting up enjoyable and high-class concerts, announces. It will be held in the Theatre next Friday, and the programme includes many of the best singer., and that popular, refined Irish humorist, Mr. F. A. Jeffs. The concert is in aid of St. Michael's Temperance Society's new buildings.

REMEMBERING THE POOR

Although Mr. Wilson Fitzgerald's connection as a resident gentleman has ceased for many years with Corofin, yet, walking in the footstep of his grand-father, the late Mr. W. Fitzgerald of Adelphi, he does not forget the poor at Xmas.—A correspondent.

A JUDGE'S ADVICE

Thomas Hinchy of Derryhumma, Crusheen, has been granted £281 for the malicious burning of hay on the 30th September last. Judge Bodkin, who tried the case at Ennis Quarter Sessions, said it was hard on the people of the district that a few low conditioned persons should do this act. One blackguard might do it and if the people of the district took proper steps they would not have to suffer.

DINNER-TASTING AS A PROFESSION.

An out-of-the-way profession for a woman is that of dinner-taster, observes the *Reader*. She is a product of Parisian refinement, and spends a portion of each day visiting houses and tasting dishes intended for dinner. She suggests improvements, and shews the cook new ways of preparing foods.

MISS MARION TERRY.

The popular lady to whom their Majesties have just sent a beautiful chain bracelet, with a plaque of pale blue enamel encircled in a frame of diamonds, as a souvenir of the recent performance at Windsor Castle of "Still Waters Run Deep," has long been regarded as one of our best emotional actresses. The late Clement Scott, than whom there were few better judges of acting, held her to be the finest actress of his day. She is eight years younger than Miss Ellen Terry, who, indeed, made her first appearance on the stage in the year her sister Marion was born.

TALL QUEENS.

Nearly all the sovereigns of Europe are shorter, says the *Woman*, than their consorts. Our own King, for example, is not quite so tall as Queen Alexandra, the Kaiser is decidedly shorter than the German Empress, Queen Amelia of Portugal is a little taller than Don Carlos, the King of Spain is quite half a head shorter than Queen Victoria Eugenie, the Czar appears quite small beside the Czarina, and so also does the King of Italy, who scarcely reaches to the shoulder of his beautiful Queen. The King of Norway and the Prince of Montenegro are the only two rulers who are very much taller than their wives.

BRAID-DYEING AT HOME.

It is by no means easy to match the exact colour of a walking-skirt in the edging or kind of braid which is sewn on to prevent the border from fraying, says a fashion writer. Where brown and fawn shades are in question, an excellent device is that of dyeing the braid at home, many dressmakers using tea or coffee for this purpose, with excellent results. A brew of various strengths is prepared, and small pieces of braid—either in white or a pale tone of any description—utilised with which to experiment, the length of braid being eventually dipped in the correct solution and left to soak for some little time, after which it should be hung in the open air till dry. This experient, however, not only secures the exact shade which is required, but also satisfactorily shrinks the braid before it is sewn on, thus preventing the hem of the skirt from "cockling" after a shower of rain.

TIDE TABLE.

CHANGES OF THE MOON.

Last Quarter, 26th.................8.1 p m

TIDES.

		Morning Time H. M	Height F. I.	Evening Time H. M.	Height F. I.
Sunday	19	6 42	19 8	7 0	19 9
Mon.	20	7 18	19 11	7 35	19 10
Tues.	21	7 52	19 9	8 8	19 8
Wed	22	8 24	19 7	8 41	19 [illegible]
Thur.	23	9 0	19 4	9 19	19 [illegible]
Friday	24	9 39	18 11	10 0	18 [illegible]
Sat.	25	10 22	18 5	6 24	19 [illegible]

These tides are influenced by the weather.

Nenagh Markets.

JAN 11th.

Potatoes, 8s 6d to 10s per barrell.
Straw, 25s to 26s 6d.
Eggs, 1s 4d per doz.
Butter, 10d to 12d per lb.
Turnips, 10s to 12s per ton.
White Oats, 9d.
Black Oats, 8d.
Hay, 30s to 40s, according to quality.
prices.

Late Edition

TO-DAY'S TELE...

[Special to the C...

THE DRUCE ...

Mary Robinson charged wi... Druce case was remanded for... bail at Bow street this afterno...

MRS. GLADS...

Mrs Herbert Gladstone's c... to be very satisfactory.

FOG IN THE C...

A dense fog prevails in t... to-day, greatly impeding na...

BARONET ...

Sir Massy Lopes, Bart, ... Plymouth.

HEADLESS BOD... ASHOR...

A headless body which has ... at Rottingdean, is believed i... Foley, late clerk to the West... disappeared recently from a...

NEWTON ABBOT ... RESUL...

The following is the resul... took place yesterday:—
Bell ...
Buxton ...
Majority

SHIPPING RA...

The conference in Londo... shipping companies regardi... has been postponed. No da... is yet fixed.

M.P. IN F...

A fire broke out this mor... Hotel, Canterbury, but wa... guests who included Mr. ... M.P., removed to apartmen... hotel.

STEAMER ...

Lloyd's Maasluis agent s... steamer Vienna from H.r... ashore at Hook of Holl... There is no danger.
The Vienna belongs to ... Railway Company.
The great Eastern's Vien... and taken alongside the ... damaged, and the passeng... have been landed.

AUSTRALIAN ...

Launceston, Saturday—... Tasmania to-day the M.C... the stumps were drawn T... for no wicket.

CHESS ...

New York, Saturday—... Yale Harvard, Columbia, a... sities last night decided ... challenge to Oxford and C... match for the Rice Trophy...

INTERNATION...

The Inter-Collegiate ... yesterday passed a reso... an international Inter-C... London in the week fo... games.

DEATH OF A... GENE...

The Press Association re... death of Sir John Lawson... General. Sir John Lawso... suddenly this morning ... monia. He was 55 years of... Walton was returned fo... General Election by ... votes against forty three ... and twenty six against ... Fairfax Lee (Unionist).

THE PO...

The Pope was consi... morning.

TO-DAY'S M...

Breadstuffs—Retail pa... Bakers' patents, 36s. 6d. W... 34s 6d; Fines, 34s; Oatm... £7 10s. 0d. per ton; Sp... W. pollard, £7 5s; Sharps, ... coarse), £7 4s. 0d.; Do. (fine...

Hay and Straw—There ... and 20 do. oaten straw, ... and 2 do rye reed ... Rye hay, 46s to 54s 0d per ... to 46s 0d; corcass 23s 6d to ... 25s to 34s.; wheaten reed, ...

Corn Market—There w... oats and 29 barrells of whe... White (E) oats from 9s ... do. (T), 8½d to 9d; bla... wheat, 10d to 10½d.

Fowl—Chickens from ... pair.

Eggs—Eggs, 1s 3d to 1s 4d...

Potatoes, &c.—There w... 50 loads of potatoes, 4½d t... loads of turnips, 17s 0d to ...

Meat—Roasting beef, 9d... chops, 9d.; hind quarters ... quarters of mutton, 7d.; bee... beef, 6d.; soap beef, 3d.

Hides and Skins—Hides ... stone skips, 2s. 9d to 3s. 6d. ... 2s 6d. to 3s. 6d. each; hor... 11s. each; donkey skins, 2s...

Pigs

To-Day's Store Prices ... bacon pigs, 47s per cwt.; ... per cwt.

Saturday's Weekly ... There were 7 cows and 47 ... day. Prices—Milch cows, ... 20s to 55s 0d.

Clyde Crushed Su...

JAN. 15.

Official Report—Small busi... prices.
Private Report—Small bus... unchanged.

JAN. 17.

Official Report—Market ... business done.
Private Report—Small ... unchanged prices.

Butter—To...

Limerick Market.—Th... market to-day. Prices—6... 11d. to 14d per lb.

Cork Market.—Firsts, 11... thirds, 106s; fourths, 91s; ... choicest boxes, —; choic... 112s; E, 104s.

Average supply, good d... changed. Weather frosty and...

Newtownsandes (Jan. 14)... 11d per lb.

Athea (Jan. 15)—Average