

RECREATION FOR THE INMATES.

Mr. Spillane said he wished to direct the attention of the governors to the following entry in the blue book referring to the Limerick Asylum— "The following paragraph we have repeatedly referred to in our minutes of inspection, and in our annual reports, to the neglect evinced here in regard to the indoor amusements and occupations of the patients. Great deficiencies exist in these respects, and we shall not cease to allude to them at every opportunity until the want is supplied.— At a very trifling cost the day rooms and corridors can be made cheerful and home-like places for the inmates in which to pass their time when not employed out of doors, instead of being at present bare, very gloomy, and comfortless in the extreme." All he could say to that entry was that if their attention had been called to this matter, it would not have been allowed to exist. The lot of the poor lunatic was gloomy, but the aspect of the apartments which they occupied during the day was more like a convict depot than like a lunatic asylum.

At the request of Dr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Bodkin read the following as a list of the amusements to which the inmates had access:— Ball playing, cards, dancing, instrumental music, reading books and papers.

Mr. Spillane—How many books are there in the library at present?

Dr. Fitzgerald—There are none at present, but the patients read newspapers and periodicals.— When I established the library here, I placed an educated lunatic over it, but it was impossible to keep the library, and in a short time all the books were torn to atoms.

Mr. Bodkin said the hall porter supplied the newspapers, &c.

John Neiland, the hall porter, was then called into the board-room, and stated, in reply to Mr. McDonnell, that he distributed himself newspapers and periodicals to the inmates. The females got "Bow Bells," "London Journal," and the "Ladies' Journal," and half the local papers. The males also got the local papers.

Mr. McDonnell—But does there be any person present to see that the patients make use of those papers, or is there a sitting room provided for them?

Mr. Neiland replied that he gave those papers to the patients, and he saw that they used them. One of the patients refused to read *Cassell's Paper*, and he was obliged to substitute for it the *Shamrock*, and others would take two papers sometimes, and they cannot be got back from them, and others will then be deprived of having the papers to read.

Mr. Spillane enquired if there was such a game as backgammon played in the asylum.

Dr. Fitzgerald replied that there was not, but he would order it if the Governors wished.

Mr. McDonnell said the patients had gumption enough (to use the Inspector's words) to appreciate amusements, and he thought they ought to pay more attention to them in that respect.

After other remarks had been made by Mr. Spillane and Mr. Boyse, the subject dropped.

THE DEATH OF DANFORD.

In reply to Mr. McDonnell Mr. Bodkin stated he had received no reply from the Privy Council to the enquiry which had been held relative to the death of James Danford, and other irregularities alleged to exist in the house.

A letter was read from Mr. Corbett, chief clerk, asking to be furnished with a *fac simile* of the entry and erasure relative to the death of James Danford, also the date of Catherine Copp's death.— After a discussion it was resolved to forward the book containing the entries by post.

A short discussion also took place regarding the forwarding of the local papers containing the report of the enquiry to the Inspectors.

Mr. Spillane said that Dr. Fitzgerald only sent them partial papers, but the doctor stated he sent them no less than twelve.

Mr. O'Brien drew attention to the irregularity of the Governors in not attending as required and visiting the house. He came there on several occasions, according to appointment, and no other Governor put in an appearance.

An understanding was then come to regarding the inspection of the house, and the Board proceeded to consider the application of candidates for admission, after the disposal of which the Governors adjourned.

... these eminent work. I am sure they could get up the subject if they pleased; but they have not done it, hence numerous as they are, with their absurd rule of never letting a clergyman act unless flanked by two laymen, I would attribute greater weight to the judgment of one man conversant with the subject than to their collective wisdom. It appears, too, that in some cases nearly all the clergy voted in one way, and all the laity in another, a fact commented upon as if the former were guilty of contumacy, in adhering to their own judgment founded upon long experience, it may possibly be upon superior knowledge of the subject.

It has been stated by some of those who are very forward in pressing on this question of revision that they have found it hard to reconcile their consciences to the Book of Common Prayer, and they are in haste to relieve themselves of the pressure. For such persons I have no respect or consideration. Who required them to enter into such engagements, and, if they could not do it with a clear conscience, why did they do so? The engagement was of their own seeking. I think no honourable man would adopt a course that seemed to him even doubtful; still less would he endeavour to force the convictions of other men by subverting for his own relief that which they prize above all things. I do not wonder that the representatives of the Irish Church found themselves coldly received at Leeds Congress; if, as the *Daily Express* newspaper complained, they were put in the place of poor relations, it is because they had no claim to higher consideration.

For myself, as an humble member of the Limerick Diocesan Synod, I profess my gratitude for the Liturgy as it stands, every portion of which is to me at least hallowed ground. I trust that whatever may be our future, which seems to many both dark and doubtful, there will be at least some churches in which it will be used, and that my remains may be committed to the dust in its sublime form of words without mutilation or change. I cannot honestly say that I pay equal respect to a new modelled liturgy containing momentous changes proposed by the present committee of revision, and carried through Synods, whether general or diocesan, with as little of solemnity and consideration as might be bestowed by a board of Poor Law Guardians upon a list of requisites for the use of the workhouse or the dispensary.

I am, sir,
Yours obediently,
M. L. D. S.

LATEST NEWS.

(THIS DAY'S SPECIAL TELEGRAMS).

DR. LIVINGSTONE.

The *Glasgow Mail* publishes a letter from Agnes Livingstone, giving extracts from the Doctor's letter. He says he intended to keep the news for himself, but considering the real expense of Stanley's expedition, he wrote two letters to the *New-York Herald* and gave Stanley information which will enable him to write a book.

THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH AND INFIDELITY.

The Rev. T. Smith, Vicar of Cannock, left home to-day, addressing a letter to his parishioners, stating that believing the Established Church to be fast running into infidelity and heresy he had felt it his duty to join the Church of Rome. The rev. gentleman's resignation was greeted by ringing of the Church bells.

CAMBRIDGE SHIRE RACES.

Playfair,	1
Finister,	2
Pompadowe,	3

27 ran.

The race was half-an-hour late.

CONSOLS.

Consols, 92½

... from France via Southampton and Railway 15,088 against 15,049, an America into Liverpool 7,144 against 8,711 year. Lower prices being accepted for sales of Irish were checked last week and for almost all descriptions declined about 1 cwt without improving demand. For Canada there is not much enquiry at present and on fine qualities. To-day Friezland sells slow 116s to 120s, Zwolle and Kampen 104s to Danish and Kiel 110s to 134s, Bosch 96s to Lehr none, Jersey 76s, 86s to 112s, Normandy 108s to 132s, Morlaix none, Swedish 110s to Spanish none, and Australian 40s to 56s. Wet and unsettled.

Cheese—Imports of American into Liverpool were 25,036 boxes against 33,238 into London Liverpool in the corresponding week last year. For the finest qualities there is a good demand for choice 70s has been obtained, Medium kind sell slowly and at no improvement in prices.

Ham—New Irish 8lbs. at 12lbs. smoked of quality are wanted.

Lard—Not much doing in bladdered or keg.

Pork—European Pickled Middles are offered 64s to 66s with few buyers. American Middle and Bellies in pickle of mild cure and cheap quality sell as to hand at 42s to 46s. Prime Mutton scarce and in request.

BIRTHS.

Desborough—At Plumstead, the wife of Col. Desborough, Royal Artillery, of a daughter.

Lloyd—At Shawbury, Shropshire, Mrs. Arthur Lloyd, of a daughter.

Stuart—At Marble Hill, county Donegal, the wife of Rev. Alex. Geo. Stuart, rector of Clondahorky, of a daughter.

Homan—At Balteagh Rectory, the wife of the Rev. K. Homan, of a daughter.

Osborne—At the Bank of Ireland, Westport, the wife of G. Osborne, Esq., of a daughter.

Graves—At Thaukes, near Devonport, the Lady Graves, a son and heir.

Mitchell—At Eaton-place, London, the wife of Captain Herbert L. Mitchell, Royal Artillery, of a daughter.

Lynch-Staunton—At Albion-street, Hyde-park, London, the wife of George Staunton Lynch-Staunton, late Capt. 14th Hussars, of a daughter.

Hall—At Eaton Hill, Tarporley, the wife of Captain Hall, late Royal Dragoons, of a daughter.

Hay—At Rolleston Vicarage, Newark, the wife of the Rev. F. Drummond Hay, of a daughter.

White—At Drummond-place, Edinburgh, the wife of Capt. T. P. White, Royal Engineers, of a son, stillborn.

Brendon—At Anglesey, near Gosport, the wife of Lieut. Colonel Brendon, Royal Artillery, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

Jackson-Jones and Griffin—Oct. 17, at St. Peter's Church, Dublin, by the Rev. J. MacSorley, George Jackson-Jones, Esq., of Mount Salem, county Limerick, and Leinster-road, Dublin, to Susanna, eldest daughter of Samuel Griffin, Esq., Mountpleasant-square, Ranelagh, county Dublin.

Broughton and Riall—At Christ's Church, Bray, county Wicklow, Delves Broughton, 15th Regt., only son of the late Rev. Delves Broughton, of Broughton Hall, to Edith May Marion, youngest daughter of Phineas Riall, Esq., of Old Conna Hill, Bray.

Pigott and Beatty—At Balloughten Church, John C. Pigott, Esq., M.D., fifth son of the late Captain G. P. Pigott, Slevoy Castle, county Wexford, to Mary, eldest daughter of David Beatty, Esq., Borodale, Ennisworthy.

Fenamore and Lane—At Glasneel Church, Wm. Fenamore, Esq., of Beech Hill Cottage, Queen's County, to Fanny Lane, youngest daughter of the late Thomas Lane, Esq., of Coolnabanch House, same county.

Brown and Elliott-Greive—At St. Stephen's, Westbourne-park, London, General Tatton Brown, C.B., to Mrs. Elliott-Greive, of Orde House, in the county of Northumberland.

Schweinitz and Jay—At St. George's, Manover-square, London, Lieut.-General von Schweinitz, Ambassador of the German Empire at the Court of Vienna, to Anna, youngest daughter of the Hon. John Jay, Minister of the United States at the same Court.

DEATHS.

Griffin—On the 19th instant, at his residence, Altavilla, Samuel Peirce Watson Griffin, Esq., second son of the late Peter Gerald Griffin, Esq., of Altavilla, in this county, aged 29 years.

Morony—At Clifden House, on the 19th instant, Patrick Morony (better known as Pedro), for 25 years the faithful servant of Major Paterson.

Beattie—At Bangor, county Down, in the 82nd year of her age, Mary Ada, the beloved wife of the Rev. M. Beattie, curate of Bangor, and daughter of Lieut. James Lambert Stirling, R.N., Westport, Mayo.

Bourchier—At Cahir, county Tipperary, the infant son of H. J. Bourchier, Esq.

Ferguson—At De Vesce-terrace, Kingstown, county Dublin, Frederick Charles Ferguson, Esq., third and last surviving son of the late Patrick Ferguson, Esq., Lisdermot House, near Dungannon, county Tyrone.

Honohan—At his residence, Sunday's-well, Cork, John Honohan, Esq., solicitor, aged 46 years.

Harcourt—At Bywood, Herefordshire, the Hon. Lady Frances Vernon Harcourt, in her 88th year.

Inglis—At Bedford-square, London, Mary, widow of the Right Hon. Sir Robert Harry Inglis, Bart., Milton Bryan, Beds, aged 85.

Gardner—At Priory-street, Cheltenham, aged 82, John Gardner, Esq., Assist.-Surgeon in the Grenadier Guards at Waterloo, and afterwards of Marlborough, Wilts.

Gildea—At Poonamalloo, Madras, India, Fanny, wife of George Frederick Gildea, Captain, 21st Fusiliers (Commandant).