

themselves in three of the sloped forms of industrialising the condition of Irish amongst these societies there being dairies, in which the most advanced of modern producing butter which has been a curse for Ireland against all other the place it had lost at the British market." This latter is the most gratifying of the assurances given expressively, and anyone who has been a witness of the Irish butter trade in the last few years will not for a moment doubt the literal accuracy of Mr. Gifford's statement. It was only reasonable in connection with "Irish Agricultural Societies" the suggested Board should have been one of the subjects discussed. Lord Montagu pointed out that such an institution would be ineffective unless, to quote the words of the speaker, "it seeks to work in connection with, and largely through the voluntary societies of agriculturists, the case on the Continent. It is a centralised office in London which would meet the necessities of the country, it is well, in anticipation of the fact that the views of Irish agriculturists should be clearly and freely expressed now are. Another important subject which has attracted attention was the better means of transit of live stock and butter. It was adopted calling on the shipping companies "to effect a reduction of the rates for the export of agricultural produce and improve the means of transport, and also to support more effectually fixing the rates of the several companies for the carriage of live stock in transit." It will be no easy matter, to effect a reduction in the rates here can be no question it would be necessary for carrying companies to be induced to do so it would manifestly bring with it a benefit in trade, and relieve the country under which Irish stock is carried. A notable instance of this was mentioned by one speaker, who stated that the shipping companies convey produce to the Continent as cheaply to London as to any other port in Tipperary." The gross ill-treatment of cattle and butter receive here is so old a story that there is no need for elaborating it, but it is a fact that the strong complaints

and efficiency.

MARKETS TRUSTEES—A meeting of the Markets Trustees was convened for yesterday, to take into consideration amongst other matters an important letter from the Economic Insurance Company relative to their mortgage on the markets. However after waiting for three quarters of an hour after the stipulated time, a quorum of seven members could not be obtained, and no business was done. There were present the Mayor, Ald. Riordan, Mr P Herbert, Mr M Egan, Mr Joseph Gaffney, Mr P M'Donnell, while Mr J F Power attended for portion of the time.

CHARGE AGAINST MILITARY MEN.—Two privates of the Royal Irish Regiment, named Holohan and Biggins, were yesterday remanded to Petty Sessions on the charge of snatching a silver watch from Mr Bryan M'Swiny, publican, Carey's Road. It appears that the accused had some drink in the public house for which they paid. Biggins left the house followed by his comrade, who called Mr M'Swiny outside, and it appears then that one or other of the soldiers snatched his watch from him and both made off. They were pursued by a crowd and handed over to the police at Bohernaboy, and the result is that they will come up for trial at Petty Sessions tomorrow.

SUDDEN DEATH NEAR FALLASKENRY.—A very sudden death occurred at Ringmoyle, about a mile and a half from Fallaskenry, on Tuesday, the victim being a woman named Margaret O'Brien, aged 50 years. At the inquest on Wednesday, the deceased woman's sister, Mary O'Brien, deposed that her sister was washing clothes at the time of the sad occurrence. They were talking about something, and while witness turned her back for a moment, deceased fell on the floor, and she found her quite dead. In reply to the Coroner, the witness said that her sister had not been subject to fits. She had eaten her breakfast that morning as well as ever. The jury found that the deceased woman died from heart disease or syncope.

MR ELLIOTT'S CONCERT.

We desire to remind the public that Mr Elliott's farewell concert takes place in the Theatre Royal to-morrow night. The programme to be submitted includes the highest local talent, and the first professional appearance of Miss Victoria Delaney, R I A M, should have a great interest for Limerick people. Mr J O'Sullivan, J P, Kilmallock, has kindly consented to give his assistance, and he will be heard in several humorous songs, as an interpreter of which he has few equals. A great attraction will be the presence of the Band of the Royal Irish Regiment. We trust that the citizens will accord Mr Elliott generous support on this the occasion of his leaving Limerick.

MR. ARTHUR BEARNE'S COMPANY.

Theatre-goers will have a very enjoyable time of it next week, when Mr Arthur Bearne's well-known company will occupy the boards in "Topsy Turvy," "The Serious Family," "Still Waters Run Deep," and "David Garrick"—so that light comedy is amply provided for. Three of these plays are well known to most of our readers, while "Topsy Turvy" is a new and original farcical comedy, and is highly spoken of by the press. It seems to be full of the most humorous situations and absurdities, and one that should take with any audience. Says the *Blackpool Times*:—"One does not need to strain one's imagination in order to be merry with such a

bunch of orange flowers in one coroner. It was of tulle, and it covered a wreath of orange blossoms in the hair. Her ornaments were a diamond bracelet and diamond hairnet (the bridegroom's gift) and a diamond (her father's gift). Five bridesmaids in attendance, all children—viz, Miss Bro Adderley (niece of the bridegroom), Miss Barrington, and the Misses Charlotte, I and Stella May (cousins of the bride). They wore pretty frocks of white flowered trimmed with lace, and large white chiffon ornamented with white feathers and ribbon. They each displayed a diamond and carried a neat nosegay of white roses, lilies, and lilies of the valley. Henry Sandbach was best man. Colonel Barrington gave his daughter away. Among those present at the ceremony the witnesses were—The Earl of Countess of Ranfurly, Lord Harris Cameron, Mr and Mrs William Barrington and Mrs J B Barrington, Col and the Yorke, Dr Dobbs, Col and Mrs Bainbridge and Miss Griffith, Miss Allsopp, Major and Mr Henry Broughton.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a reception was held at Limmer's Hotel, and later, Lady Castlemaine left for their honeymoon. The bride travelled in a gown of grey trimmed with silk and mink fur, and large velvet hat ornamented with black feathers presents numbered over 350, and was handsome and costly.

THE EVANGELIC ALLIANCE

In Belfast yesterday meetings in connection with the annual conference of the Evangelical Alliance were continued. The conference opened under the presidency of the Moderator the General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church (Rev G R Buick). In his address he spoke of the desirability of the union of Churches. Union, in fact, seemed the hope of the present age. Rev Principal (Glasgow) delivered the annual address as his subject the ministry of conciliation addresses were delivered by well-known ministers.

THE NEW SECRETARY'S STICK

While staying at Killarney Mr Gerald was presented with a handsome blackthorn by Mr John O'Sullivan, who prepares supplies for the markets at Killarney. The donor received the following letter from Mr Buick:—"Dear Sir—I have to offer you my best for the excellent blackthorn you have been good enough to present me with, and for the sake of welcome which accompanied it. In this blackthorn what Mr Gladstone once said presented to him by a deputation, 'good stick—good to look at good to handle should not like to be hit over the head with a stick.' That sentence, I understand, suits the virtues which a good blackthorn possesses."

ELECTION OF CORONER FOR GALWAY BOROUGH.

Yesterday was the day for the nomination of the position of coroner, which became vacant a short time since by the death of Mr Stephens, solicitor, who held the position for many years. Professor Townsend, C E, acted as presiding officer. In consequence of the Act applicable to Galway, and which was repealed, the election of coroner for the borough rests with the freeholders, who alone are entitled to vote at such an election. Mr Gerald was proposed by Colonel Daly and seconded by Dr Grealy, J P, T C. Mr Stephens, solicitor, appeared on behalf of Mr