

County Petty Sessions were held to-day Mr Irwin, R.M. (in the chair), Colonel Sell, Mr R. de Ros Rose, and Mr R. L. 1. There were only a few cases of drunks for disposal, and this comprised the business of the court.

seventeen open free scholarships in the Royal College of Music, London, becoming vacant at the end of the current term, examinations of dates preliminary to the final competition were held in the principal towns of the kingdom Thursday, the 25th inst. The Limerick examination will held in the Athenæum.

An ordination held by the Lord Bishop of Ferns, and Leighlin, in the Cathedral of Kilkenny, Mr Vernon Russell, A.B., of Mr Vernon William Russell, M.D., J.P., son to the County Tipperary Infirmary, was named Deacon, on the nomination of the Rev J. Dillon, M.A., Incumbent of Aghada in the diocese of Leighlin.

Next Saturday, 6th February, the next fortnightly sale of horned cattle and sheep will be held at the Agricultural Hall, Military Road, Limerick, by Mr F. W. McCarthy, Auctioneer. The programme includes twenty-five well-bred in-calf heifers and other stock. The heifers are well worthy of attention, being well bred and in splendid condition. The sale will commence at half-past one o'clock.

Mr J. B. Irwin, R.M., and Mr G. W. Bassett presided at the City Police Court yesterday morning and disposed of a case of drunkenness and disorderly conduct, the only case for adjudication. Mr G. W. Bassett attended at the Court morning. Mary Reynolds, a well-known character, was sentenced to a month's imprisonment for default of paying a fine of 40s and costs for being drunk and disorderly in the public street at night.

Mr Cordner Sheehy held an inquest at Rathle Workhouse yesterday, on the body of an infant which was found by Mr Thomas Fitzgerald, Thomas-street, Rathkeale, last week, on the footway, having evidently been deserted by its parents, and was sent to the workhouse where it was christened John Hill. The jury found a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, to the effect that the child died from debility aggravated by exposure.

The second re-union of the Protestant Young Men's Association will take place on Tuesday evening next, 9th inst., and, judging from the programme offered, it promises to be a great success. A special feature in this entertainment will be the kind assistance of the eminent flutist, J. Flint, of London. Ladies and gentlemen of well known musical ability have also kindly volunteered to come forward on the occasion. We would suggest that all who can attend will do so.

The two men McDonnell and Nagle, who are in custody charged with a serious assault on a merman named Whelan, on the public road near the lineaety, on the night of Thursday last, were brought before Mr Irwin, R.M., to-day, at the County Courthouse, on an application for a further remand by the police. The injured man is unable to attend at the Ballineety Sessions to-day to give evidence, and the accused were ordered these circumstances again committed on remand for eight days.

At the Cappawhite Petty Sessions, before Col. Har, R.M., (in the chair), Messrs Vere Hunt, and Hugh Scott, the adjourned charge against T. Dowling, of Inch House, of stealing a letter from the Hollyford postman came on for hearing. Considerable local interest was manifested in the proceedings. Mr Baily Gage, solicitor to the Post-office, attended, and informed the air worshippers that the postal authorities had

DEATH OF BISHOP BUTLER.

The Most Rev. George Butler, Roman Catholic Bishop of Limerick, died at the Palace, Corbally, at 6 o'clock, yesterday morning. His Lordship had been ailing for more than a week, suffering from an abscess in the ear; but it was only within the last few days, when erysipelas appeared, that a fatal result was apprehended. Dr. Cruise, who had previously attended him in Dublin, under similar circumstances, was brought down on Tuesday, but his skill was unavailing. His Lordship was born in Limerick on the 14th Feb. 1815, and was educated at Maynooth College. He was ordained a priest in Limerick in 1838, and spent two years on a mission in the West India Islands, labouring principally in Trinidad, where he incurred great risk and labour in the zealous discharge of his duties. He returned to Limerick in 1840, and was curate of the parishes of St Patrick, St John, and St Michael successively, and Administrator of St Michael's and Parish Priest of St Mary's in 1857. On the 25th July, 1861, he was consecrated Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Limerick, to which he succeeded on the death of the Most Rev. Dr. Ryan. During his long episcopate, his Lordship, with unerring judgment, promoted the building and completing of churches, founding and extending of conventual and charitable institutions and schools for every class throughout his diocese, and especially in the city of Limerick, where he erected probably the most elaborate tower and spire in Ireland to his Cathedral, and rebuilt one of the parish churches with very slight assistance from the parishioners. The new part of the Convent of the Good Shepherd with its extensive Magdalen Asylum, Industrial School and Reformatory, has grown up under his care. Under his fostering care the addition and new chapel and the vast schools and House of Mercy at St. Mary's Convent and the imposing extension of the Industrial School and the Widows' House at Mount St. Vincent Convent and the Christian Brothers' Male Industrial Schools and new schools and chapels to other convents were carried out. All these works and many others he aided by his wise but unobtrusive counsel and large and frequent gifts only known to the receivers. In business matters he was clear, strict and precise, placing confidence in those of whom he formed a favourable opinion. Those possessing his confidence always found him a steadfast friend. He was untiring and ever punctual in the discharge of his Episcopal duties to which his commanding figure and the simple dignity of his bearing gave an imposing grace. His sincerity and undeviating rectitude endeared him to the clergy and people of his diocese who mourn his loss with deep and heartfelt sorrow. The remains of the deceased Bishop will be conveyed from Corbally to St. John's Cathedral on Sunday, and will be interred on Tuesday with the customary imposing ceremonials of the Roman Catholic Church.

LIMERICK UNION.

The weekly meeting of the guardians of this union was held yesterday in the board-room at the workhouse, Mr J. M'Inerney presiding. Other members present—Mr T. M' Mahon Cregan, J.P.; Mr James O'Mara, Mr T. O'Farrell.

THE LATE BISHOP BUTLER.

On the Chairman taking his seat, Mr O'Mara said—Mr Chairman, I need not describe how the board feel the gloom which has been cast over the city by the news we heard of his death; and I have simply moved that we

long time before they saw his life. He did not intend to enter in the slip of the Bishop's political life which was unaltered and unalterable; from the year 1849 entered politics as a Young Irelander. At the moment of his death he faltered not in his feelings towards Ireland.

The Mayor then put the resolution and it was unanimously passed. He then invited the Corporation to meet him at the Town Hall on Sunday at one o'clock, to take part in the ceremony connected with the removal of the remains from the Palace at Corbally to the Cathedral, and also to be present at the obsequies on Tuesday next.

The Council then adjourned.

The entertainment by the Christy troupe of the Shannon Rowing Club, which was to have taken place at the Theatre on Monday night and to-morrow evening has been postponed in consequence of the death of Bishop Butler.

At the weekly meeting of the Board of Guardians yesterday Mr Joseph Cahill proposed the adjournment of all business in expression of regret at the decease of Rev Dr Butler. The Chairman, Mr J. O'Sullivan, seconded the proposition and the Board immediately adjourned.

The Mayor presided at the meeting of the Markets Trustees yesterday morning. The members present being—Lieut. Col. J.P.; Mr J. C. Delmege, J.P.; Messrs J. Mara, S. McSwiney, J. Dundon. After waiting some time for a quorum, the Mayor, said he took the liberty of postponing the meeting as a tribute of respect to the memory of the worthy and venerated Bishop Butler. Mr Delmege seconded the proposition, remarking that outside his own bishopric he had greater respect for Bishop Butler than for any other dignity of the Church. The meeting then adjourned for a fortnight.

LIMERICK FISHERY CONSERVATORS.

A general meeting of the Fishery Conservators was held to-day in the Grand Jury Room, County Court-house, Mr J. A. Place, Chairman. Other members present—Mr A. P. Pegum, Mr F. G. Kennedy, Mr A. J. O'Sullivan, Mr Norris Russell.

Mr Alton, secretary, and Mr Putland, treasurer, were in attendance. The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

A letter was read from Mrs Enright, secretary of the board for the vote of condolence on the occasion of the death of her late husband, Mr Wm Enright, who for many years a member of the Board.

The Chairman read an anonymous letter, stating that it was time to give attention to two lower Shannon weirs which were alleged to be in a state of decay, that the bait got near these weirs, and that they were a hindrance to people hunting after drift nets.

Mr Putland in his usual report found on his inspection two weirs on the Kerry shore, and he recommended the Board to authorize the necessary repairs in the case.

In answer to Mr Pegum, Mr Putland he had seen on his recent inspection in the Shannon down as far as Quin, but far as he could see there were not any nets or any of them, except on the