

Chairman informed him that Mr. Holmes had withdrawn any words calculated to give him offense.) Mr. D'Arcy expressed himself perfectly satisfied with the withdrawal of the words alleged to have been used; but there was no doubt that they had been employed in a personal way by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Gunn—Hit him again, he has no friends (augh). [Mr. Gunn added a few words in the Irish language which, from the reception they met with, appeared to have reference to Mr. Holmes.]

Mr. Holmes thought it unfair for Mr. Gunn to attack him in the Irish language, and requested the Chairman to take down Mr. Gunn's words.

The Chairman then read the following letters, which will explain to our readers the circumstances connected with the subject of complaint:—

"Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin, 21st Dec., 180.

"Sir,—The Commissioners for administering the laws for relief of the poor in Ireland acknowledge the receipt of minutes of proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Newcastle Union of the 15th inst., and with reference to the resolution relating to the case of the Widow Ambrose, late caretaker of Killeedy churchyard, the Commissioners transmit, for the guardians' information, the accompanying letter which they have received from Mr. Holmes, P.L.G., on the subject. The Commissioners request that the guardians will be good enough to furnish them with their observations on the several statements therein, and that the letter be returned when done with.

"By order of the Commissioners,
"B. BANKS, Chief Clerk.

"The Clerk, Newcastle Union."
"Riverstown, Rathbale.

"Sir,—When addressing the Commissioners, in reply for an inquiry into the case of the Widow Ambrose, caretaker of Killeedy churchyard, I could have explained that a large quantity of land, the property of the Union, was taken away from a guardian from the above premises. These premises were of considerable value, and an iron gate sold, probably 18 months back, without the usual mode of competition, and up to this date the same may not be lodged with the treasurer. (It is a question if any proper order was ever made for the disposal of such gate, as Union property.) The hay explained of, I believe the Commissioners will find, was the property of the poor widow. Her husband and her ancestors were, during the life of this churchyard (being the freehold of the several Protestant rectors) probably 100 years in possession of it, and the simple transfer from the rector to the Board in 1868 will not be held by the Commissioners as a dismissal from an office held so long by one family. The complaint of negligence was made up to-day. The remains of a child from the churchyard arrived while this poor woman was at ass. The second was the servant of Dr. Culne, on whom an inquest was held, and the interment being at an unusual hour, she was not present. The other complaint, if inquired into, will be found equally groundless. In addition to the violation of right of property, as above stated, I do earnestly beg respectfully to urge on the favourable consideration of the Commissioners the case of this poor widow as expressed in her petition to the Board, which will be seen on the minutes of Board's proceedings. Such inquiry, if duly ordered, will have an excellent moral effect on the humble in those districts.

"I am, sir, your obedient servant,
"W. HOLMES.

"To. B. Banks, Esq."

A letter was also read from a person named Moly Ambrose, son of the widow, who had been caretaker of the church-yard, and had reference to a removal of the gate of the church yard of Killeedy together with a quantity of stones by Mr. Mulcahy, in the month of July or August, 1869. The writer admitted that Mr. Mulcahy had summoned him for taking away a few loads of stones and put him to 16s costs. The writer neglected to offer a defence against the charge of negligence while going for his mother in the capacity of caretaker of the church-yard.

Mr. Holmes said it was on the faith of this letter he made his statements on the 1st of December when the question was discussed. The gate was the property of the union, and as the hay contained it was the property of the poor widow. With regard to the stones if they were of any value the proceeds should have been returned to the credit of this union. The ratepayers had paid a penny three farthings per pond, and would ask an enquiry into the matter for the satisfaction of the ratepayers, and to ascertain whether the proceeds of the gate were deducted in the expense of the union.

he is engaged in Madrid. The Suggestion Fund Committee matured and adopted a plan to be adopted by all the congregations of the Church for systematic and frequent contributions in small sums in order to secure the success of this scheme.

A DIVORCE CASE.—Mr. J. G. V. Porter, we are assured, determined to commence a divorce suit, in connexion with the late painful transaction in this county.—*Fermanagh Reporter.*

WATERFORD AND LIMERICK RAILWAY—ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT WITH GREAT WESTERN COMPANY.

The following are some of the principal articles of agreement under consideration at the recent meeting of shareholders in Waterford, between the Waterford and Limerick Company and the Great Western company of England:—

2. The Waterford Company will provide an efficient service of trains on and over the Waterford Line to and from Waterford, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Great Western Company, in connection with the steamers running between Waterford and New Milford, and, so far as they can, on and over any lines or branches from time to time leased or worked by them, and the passenger trains running in connection with such steamers shall not, without the consent of the Great Western Company, carry Goods traffic, and the Great Western Company shall make arrangements so as to provide for the continuance of a suitable Steamboat Service between Waterford and Milford Haven daily (Sundays excepted), and shall provide an efficient service of trains in connection with such Steamboat Service, but no obligation shall rest on either Company under this article which shall involve unnecessary expense; and in case of difference as to the efficiency, reasonableness, or necessity of any such trains or Steamboat Service, or as to the nature of the traffic to be conveyed by the trains or Steamboats, or as to any of the provisions of this article, the same shall be determined by arbitration in the manner hereinafter provided.

3. The two Companies will, on and after the First day of January, One Thousand, Eight Hundred, and Seventy-one, establish, and at all times during the continuance of this agreement, maintain between all principal stations of the Great Western and Waterford Lines respectively, and so far as they can on any Lines leased or worked by either Company, a complete system of through Fares and Rates and through Booking and Invoicing for all cross channel Traffic passing or intended to pass by way of New Milford and Waterford respectively, on, to, over, and so far as they can beyond their respective systems of Railway when they form a convenient route, with such modifications (if any) from time to time of the system as circumstances require and respectively as are proper and sufficient for the due development and conduct of all the Traffic, and every difference as to the performance of this article, or as to any station being a principal station, or as to the necessity, propriety, or sufficiency of any such modification shall be determined by arbitration.

4. The Through Fares and Rates to be taken by the two Companies respectively, for traffic conveyed partly over any part of the Great Western Lines and partly over any part of the Waterford Line, and so far as they can also over any other Railway, shall from time to time be agreed upon between the respective General Managers of the two Companies, or if and when they fail to agree then shall be determined by arbitration.

9. The two Companies respectively will convey on the Great Western and Waterford Lines respectively, and so far as they can over any lines leased or worked by them all traffic for which through fares and rates are fixed, in accordance with this agreement, at the through fares and rates so fixed, and from time to time in force.

12. The two Companies will forthwith establish and at all times maintain for and afford to each other all proper and sufficient facilities for the interchange, reception, accommodation, and conveyance of all traffic, and for the delivery of such traffic, at such places as they collect and deliver other traffic of a similar description to which this agreement relates, with such an arrangement of trains between the several principal stations, on the Great Western Lines and New Milford, and between the several principal stations on the Waterford Line and Waterford, and so far as they can on lines leased or worked by them, and all such other facilities for through traffic as are usual between Railway Companies working together as friendly Companies, and with such modifications or alterations (if any) from time to time of the facilities as circumstances require and respectively as are proper and sufficient for the due development and conduct of the traffic,

contained in the contract all such provisions as are proper and sufficient for giving effect to the arrangement made by this agreement.

LIMERICK COUNTY REGIMENT.—The Secretary of State for War has approved of the Senior Captain of the County Limerick Militia sitting as President of the Board which has been ordered to assemble in Limerick for the examination of subaltern officers for further promotion, in the unavoidable absence of Major Sir Richard De Burgho.

PREMATURE UNVEILING OF SMITH O'BRIEN'S STATUE.—In the course of Wednesday night the canvas covering encasing the statue of Smith O'Brien, which will be formally unveiled on Monday next, was removed by some persons, either out of mischief or as a "lark." The binding of the outer covering was cut, and the canvas thrown into the Liffey. The under covering was taken off and thrown on the pavilions around the statue, where it was found by a policeman on Thursday morning. The perpetrators have not been discovered. The statue was speedily reclothed.

BIRTHS.

Guinness—At Burton Hall, Birlillorgan, county Dublin, the wife of Henry Guinness, Esq., of twins, son and daughter. Hinds—At Munny Farm, near Maryborough, the wife of V. G. Hinds, Esq., of a daughter. Duffy—At Eagle Hill Cottage, Terenure, the wife of P. F. Duffy, of a son. Shea—At the Sound Cottage, Kenmare, the wife of William Shea, Butter Inspector, late of Cork, of a daughter. Halford—At Prince's-gate, London, the Hon. Mrs. Halford, of a son. Hardy—The wife of J. Stewart Hardy, Esq., M.P., of a son. Cooper—At Thornby Hall, near Rugby, the wife of Capt. R. Cooper, late Scots Fusilier Guards, of a daughter. Bullock—At the Vicarage, Chalfont St. Peter, Slough, the wife of the Rev. G. M. Bullock, of a son. Raven—At Devenport, the wife of Deputy-Commissary Newcome R. Raven, Army Control Department, of a son. Palliser—At Belgrave-road S.W., London, the wife of Major William Palliser, C.B., of a daughter. Meyer—At the Rectory, Trowbridge, Wilts, the wife of the Rev. Horace Meyer, of a son. Wardell—At Shooter's-hill, Kent, the wife of Captain W. H. Wardell, Royal Artillery, of a daughter. Campbell—At West Grinstead Lodge, Sussex, the wife of Colonel Sir Edward F. Campbell, Bart., of a daughter, stillborn. Parsons—At Gibraltar, the wife of Captain Clifford Parsons, 3rd Regt. (The Buffs), Brigade Major, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

Clayton and Bull—At St. Stephen's Church, Dublin, by special license, Richard Clayton, Esq., Captain 68th Light Infantry, to Emily Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Lieut.-Colonel Frederic Bull, of New Park, county Kilkenny. Tyrrell and Sale—At St. Mary's, Dublin, Thomas Ledwith Tyrrell, Clayton, Esq., to Angelina, only daughter of the late Samuel Sale, Colonel, county Kildare, Esq. O'Malley and O'Donel—At St. Andrew's Church, Westland-row, Dublin, John O'Malley, Esq., of Mallow, co. Cork, to Maggie, fourth daughter of James O'Donel, Esq., of Kilkenny, county Mayo. Despard and Trench—At Holy Trinity, Kilburn, London, Maximilian Carden Despard, son of the late Capt. George Despard, J.P., county Meath, to Charlotte, daughter of the late Captain J. T. W. Trench, Royal Navy, J.P. and D.L., Ripple Vale, Kent. Thompson and Beckett—At St. Paul's, Southwark, Henry G. Thompson, L.K. and Q.C.P. and L.R.C.S.I., eldest son of W. J. Thompson, M.D., Inistigoe, county Kilkenny, to Elizabeth Anne, daughter of the late A. C. Beckett, Esq., Hover Court, county of Kent. Lang and White—At All Saints', Munster, S. Lang, Esq., 47th Regt., son of the late W. R. Lang, Esq., to Annie, only daughter of the late Thomas White, Esq., East Hall, Kent. Williams and Adams—At Stoke-next-Guildford, the Rev. Eldred Cyril Williams, to Henrietta M., younger daughter of Henry Austin Adams, Esq.

DEATHS.

Morony—Dec. 22, at Miltown House, Miltown Malbay, Burdett Morony, Esq., J.P. and D.L., County Clare, aged 55 years. Smithwick—On 21st Dec., at 4, Kidwell Park, Maidenhead, Berks, Catherine, wife of Robert Smithwick, and eldest daughter of the late Rev. Richard Fitzgerald, both formerly residents of this county. Myles—On the 16th inst., at Upper Mallow-street, George, aged 10 years; and on the 22nd inst., James, aged 11 years;—the beloved children of Mr. John Myles. Deane—On the 30th of November, at New York, Edward Richard Deane, late of this city. Ross—At Crosthwaite Park, Kingstown, co. Dublin, James Ross, Esq., late Collector of H.M.'s Customs in Limerick. Saunderson—At Bloomsbury, Monkstown, county Dublin, Sarah Juliana, widow of the late Colonel Alexander Saunderson, of Castle Saunderson, Cavan. Campbell—At Upper Merrion-street, Dublin, Elizabeth Berkeley, daughter of the Rev. Theophilus Campbell, rector of Luigan. M'Donald—At Mountforest, Gorey, county Wexford, Eliza, relict of the late Benjamin M'Donald, Esq., of Templeudigan, New Ross. Byrne—At Painstown, Kill, county Kildare, Mr. Thomas Byrne. Ward—At the Adelaide Hospital, Peter-street, Dublin, Wm. Stoddart Ward. Andrews—At his residence, Ardoyne, Belfast, Michael Andrews, Esq. Oliver—At Cherrymount, county Wicklow, John Dudley Oliver, Esq. Scott—At Norfolk House, Lady Victoria Hope Scott. Stuart—Suddenly, at Rutland-square, Edinburgh, Charles Villiers Stuart, Esq., youngest son of the late Lord Henry Stuart.