

interior in quality, and did not produce on the results which medicines of a superior would produce, and that he had found it necessary to prepare a formality for apparent pills different from the formality in ordinary use, and containing a larger amount of medicine than the amount in doses of the pills. Those were the grounds which he (Mr Bourke) addressed the Board, and which he was justified in saying that the manner which his observations were received by the Board kindly, shewed that they concurred with him (hear). They then acted upon the suggestion he had made, and called for written reports from the different dispensary medical officers which were sent in and read at the last meeting. They will be aware that Dr. Elmes's was a most unfavorable report. Dr. Kennelly repeated the very opinion which he had expressed to him (hear), Dr. Gelston qualified his opinion by referring to the prices paid; but nearly every medical man had stated his opinion that the medicines were of inferior quality. With regard to the opinions of the physicians, he thought there was some little qualification to be attached to them, for this reason, that a physician, having given his prescription, might not have the opportunity of ascertaining the effect of the medicine ordered, for, supposing the statement made to be true, how would it enable the physician to say that medicines were of good quality if the people in question went to another place for them instead of the dispensary? He (Mr Bourke) was, on the contrary, of opinion that the apothecary, a gentleman well up to the compounding of medicines, and in the habit of purchasing and selling drugs, was the person whose opinion would be much more valuable than that of the physician. (Hear, hear, from Dr. Hughnessy.) In speaking of the present case he held altogether to set aside any reference to the prices; it was unnecessary for him to say his was not to make any attack upon that firm or its drugs (hear, hear). He looked on the matter with the view that when they were giving relief to the poor it should be given benevolently and of a specific kind (hear, hear). Having referred to the Board the information which he had received from the medical officers of the dispensary, he said now bring before the Board a set of circumstances which *prima facie* appeared to him extremely suspicious—he meant not with regard to any fraud or collusion on the part of the contractors, he did not wish to impute anything of the kind; but *prima facie* the medicines in general use in the Union dispensaries must be inferior to those which were considered in the trade to be the best, and the grounds which he found that opinion were the relative prices. He had made a comparison between the prices of the Board and the trade prices of two houses at London and one Liverpool house, and he had a list of those prices which he understood were in use in Union Hospitals and dispensaries which compared with those of the houses he referred to, certainly the contrast was very striking. Mr Bourke then read out the wholesale prices of the Board by the three English firms and those of the Board's contract, in corroboration of his statement, which took the Guardians greatly by surprise, as a reference in the prices was as much as from 30 per cent. For instances alone, of three kinds charged for by the English firms at from 2s 3d to 4s 6d per lb, while the contract price of the Board was at from 5d to 8d per lb. Sulphuric acid was charged by the English firms at 8d per lb, the contract of the Board but a 1d per lb and so on. The price of opium was fully one-fourth the price charged by the trade in England, and other medicines sold at a proportionate rate to what they could be had at in England. That continued Mr Bourke, led to him strong *prima facie* grounds—not for fraud, for, as he said before, he wished to defend himself against that, but of believing that under the present system as carried out the poor of the Union did not receive what he really believed the means were all anxious they should receive, and the law was equally sure the law contemplated—the medicines in the time of their sickness. He did not, however, like to leave the subject without taking a reference to that of adulterations, though in conformity with them he desired, as already stated, to refer to any particular house for two reasons, that the samples of medicines, in various different establishments, and also that medicines might have been sent out impure or adulterated to the least intent to fraud. (Mr Brown—The all on our side in looking for the cheapest medicine.) It was in the case of the Newmarket dispensary where the medicines were complained of a year ago by the medical officers. He (Mr Bourke) because then struck with the importance of

which two of the crew were washed overboard by a heavy sea, and drowned. The sails of the vessel were completely blown away, and, besides being leaky, she has lost her lifeboats, bulwarks, stanchions, &c. A more complete wreck it is hardly possible to conceive, and it is remarkable that she was enabled to reach Dartmouth in safety. The names of the unfortunate men who were drowned have not yet been ascertained. A schooner, supposed to be the Mary, belonging to Wells, has been found abandoned in the North Sea by the screw steamer Hampshire, and has been towed into Gartestone harbour, near Yarmouth. On the Scroby Sands, facing the latter port, two vessels were driven yesterday, but were both assisted off. The weather at the time was moderate; had it been otherwise their fate would have been certain.

Captain and Brevet Lieut Col W H Goodenough (late Brigade Major Royal Artillery, at Aldershot) has rejoined the 9th Brigade, Royal Artillery, for the purpose of proceeding with it to India.

The following appointments were made on Tuesday at the Admiralty:—Edward A. Burnistort, assistant paymaster, to the Royal Adelaide, as supernumerary, for disposal; and George Kell, assistant-surgeon, to the Agincourt.

BIRTHS

- On the 17th inst., at 50, William-street, the wife of J. M. Kidd, Esq., of a son.
- At Pauls-square, Waterford, the wife of J. H. Kennedy, Esq., of a daughter.
- At Kilmore, the wife of Mr. Maurice Wall, of a daughter.
- At Raheen Lodge, Athenry, co. Galway, the wife of the Rev. Thomas C. Cotter, prematurely, of a daughter.
- At Downdaniel, the wife of Eyre Maunsell Eyre, Esq., of a daughter.
- At the Mansion House, Dublin, the wife of Henry J. Dolan, Esq., J.P., of a son.
- At Monkstown, co. Dublin, the wife of Frederick W. Pim, Esq., of a son.
- At Strand-road, Merrion, co. Dublin, the wife of William Bowen, Esq., of Westmeath, of a son.
- At Clonbelmore, King's County, the wife of George H. Low, Esq., Canadian Rifles, of a daughter.
- At Lower Baggot-street, Dublin, the wife of Richd. Moore Barnes, Esq., late Capt. 50th Regt., of a daughter.
- At Cashel, the wife of the Rev. Robert Boyd, Methodist Minister, of a son.
- At Oakfield, Hopesay, Salop, the wife of Lieut. Beddoes, R.N., of a son.
- At Parkfield, Bath, the wife of Major Rawlinson, of a son.
- At Herringfleet Hall, Suffolk, the wife of Major H. M. Leathes, of a son.
- At London, Eleanor, wife of Baron de Schmidthal, Secretary of the Prussian Embassy, of a son.

MARRIAGES

- On the 15th inst., at Clontibret Church, by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Clogher, assisted by the Rev. Thomas Healy, curate of the parish, Francis Richard, son of Robert Maunsell, Esq., of Lakelands, Dundrum, co. Dublin, to Louisa Jane, younger daughter of the late Humphreys Jones, Esq., J.P., of Carrickaderry, co. Monaghan.
- At St. Anne's Church, Dublin, John Xavarius Ussher, Esq., second son of the late John Ussher, Esq., of Eastwell, co. Galway, to Isabella Anna, youngest daughter of John Dillon, Esq., of Johnstown, co. Roscommon.
- At the Protestant Church, Rutland-square, Dublin, Mr. Robert C. Kerr, of Upper Leeson, to Janet, second daughter of Robert Cochrane, Esq., of Oakley, Clontarf.
- At Killany Catholic Church, Patrick G. Carvill, Esq., J.P., of Newry, to Fanny M., daughter of Thos. McEvoy Gartlan, Esq., of Monalty, Carrickmacross.
- At Leighmoney Church, Robert Gregg, Esq., solicitor, to Mary Delacour, only daughter of the late Richard Corbett, Esq., M.D., both of Cork.
- At the Wesleyan Chapel, Lower Abbey-street, Dublin, George, eldest son of the late Mr. George Marshall, Dublin, to Lucinda, eldest daughter of Mr. Samuel Hipwell, of Nutville, Mountrath.
- At Saffryn Church, Aberdare, Douglas C. Richmond, Esq., Fellow of Peterhouse College, Cambridge, to Margaret Cecilia, daughter of the Right Hon. H. A. Bruce, M.P.
- At St. Stephen's Church, Dublin, Arthur Norcott, Esq., of Park, Doneraile, co. Cork, to Frances Harriette, youngest daughter of the late Thomas Knox Hill, Esq., of the Cottage, Clontarf, co. Dublin.
- At Carlsruhe, and afterwards at the English Church, Stuttgart, Prince Pandolfina, of Palermo, to Laura, daughter of the late James Temple Bowdoin, Esq., and granddaughter of Sir John Temple, Bart.

DEATHS

- On the 16th inst., at his residence, 12, Victoria-terrace, John Watson, Esq., son of the late Alderman Andrew Watson.
- At Killybeg, John G. Bourke, Esq., student of Steeven's Hospital, second son of the late Dr. Thomas Bourke, of Killybeg.
- At Richmond, Cappoquin, the Rev. Arthur Marmaduke Franklin Browne, vicar of Aflane and Aglish, county Waterford.
- At Ballyquirk, co. Tipperary, Major-General Henry Dwyer, J.P.
- At Mallow, co. Cork, Mary Theresa, wife of Mr. Joseph O. Harold.
- At Watergrass-hill, Cork, Mr. Richard Fetherston.
- At Nile-street, Cork, Mr. John Lynch.
- At the Royal Arms Hotel, Tullamore, Martha Whillamina, daughter of Mr. James Browne.
- At Blackrock, co. Dublin, Mary Josephine, relict of the late Mr. Francis J. Magar.
- At Kingstown, Mr. John J. Macdona, A.B., T.C.D., late of Clontarf, son of the late Henry Macdona, Esq., of Dawson-street, Dublin.

veterinary Surgeon B W Murray, Royal Horse Artillery, stationed at Newbridge, has been granted leave of absence from the 17th inst to the 10th Oct next.

C Battery, O Brigade, Royal Horse Artillery, will commence gun practice on the Strand at Sandymount this week.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.
BY TELEGRAPH.
THE ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

London, Wednesday.
An application was made this afternoon to Vice-Chancellor James by Mr. C. E. Lewes, who said he appeared to ask his honours direction under the following circumstances:—In accordance with his honours order an agent had been appointed at Berlin to receive premiums. A telegram had just been received stating that the Prussian authorities had arrested him, and seized his papers. Under these circumstances, as there were many premiums to receive, could a banker be appointed for the purpose, or Mr Price, the provisional liquidator, might send a clerk with a power of attorney. The Vice-Chancellor—But might he not be also arrested? Mr Lewes thought it might want an insurance against such an event. The Vice-Chancellor said the order was made for the convenience of policy holders. The better plan would be to have the premiums paid through a Berlin banker to Mr Price, who would send the receipt. Mr Lewes said that as the agent had given up his agency they did not know without communicating with him the address of the policy holders. He thought the better plan would be to insert an advertisement in the local papers for the purpose of ascertaining who were the holders of policies without loss of time. The Vice-Chancellor said that would be the proper course to pursue. The matter then dropped.

THE EUROPEAN ASSURANCE COMPANY.

Messrs. Freshfield, the solicitors of the Bank of England, presented yesterday a petition to the Lord Chancellor from T O Hayward, a contributory, and Robert Crawford, a contributory and policy holder, for the winding-up of the European Assurance Company. Both the petitioners are directors of the company, and therefore the proceedings are regarded as friendly; but it is also stated that the petitioners have for the most part been in a position on the board. The hearing is fixed for the first petition day. The European is a very large office, with connections all over the colonies in America, and it is also a Guarantee Society—guarantees up to a recent period being stated to be exclusively taken by the Government. It is an office very largely made up of amalgamations. Their capital is £800,000 in 400,000 shares, and the liability is only limited by terms of policies. The chairman of the directors is Sir Frederick Smith, the well-known officer of engineers, and Mr Henry Lafone manager. Mr William Lelland was the manager previously to Mr Lake, who in the last amalgamation brought with him the business of the British Nation office—*Freeman*.

LONDON CORN MARKET.

Market opens dull for wheat. Beans and peas firm, with steady inquiry. Oats quiet at Monday's rates.

LONDON PRODUCE MARKET.

Sugar—Market quiet, and value unaltered, refined steady, but cautiously dealt in. Coffee—Several orders at previous worth obtained. Tea not much in request, and offers at previous terms. Rice—several parcels of soft grain sold at full prices.

LONDON TALLOW MARKET.

Tallow—P Y C, 46s 9d.

CORK BUTTER MARKET.

ORDINARY.		MILD CURED.	
First quality, ...	121s ... 118s	126s ...	123s
Second quality, ...	112s ... 109s	121s ...	118s
Third quality, ...	102s ... 99s	116s ...	107s
Fourth quality, ...	99s ... 96s	—	—s
Fifth quality, ...	88s ... 85s	—	—s
Sixth quality, ...	71s ... 68s	—	—s

3rds, 4ths, 5ths, and 6ths of Kegs, 4s. per cwt. less.
Currency—Ordinary Butter, 10s per cwt. less.
Mild-cured 10s do.
Sponged Butter ... 2s do. do.
Repacked and Dairies 00.
1sts, 2nds, 3rds, 4ths, 5ths, 6ths.
Sept 22—476 781 518 60 2 2—1839 firkins
Mild-cured—53 47 56 0 0 0—156 do.

CORK CORN MARKET.

White wheat, 8s 0d to 11s 6d; red, 8s 6d to 10s 6d; barley, 7s 0d to 8s 6d; beans, 6s 0d to 6s 6d; black oats, 5s 0d to 7s 6d; white oats, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; rye, 6s 0d to 6s 6d.