ore than she should pay if taxed ortion to taxable capacity, and, in t, the real significance of this that the report of the Commis- lishes a strong and equitable claim nditure of a larger portion of Im- in developing Irish resources. It e thought, that the grievance can ddressed. He did not believe in ty of custom-houses between the s, or of abolishing the income tax d leaving it in Great Britain, and e that we should be neither better r cheap whiskey.

on, K.M., attended at the Police orning. There was no business.

Y COMMERCE.—The following gentle- n elected to serve with the President er of Commerce, Mr J F Bannatyne ensuing year:—J F [illegible] W Mac ; T H Cleeve, J P; M Egan, John uire, W L Stokes, J P; James Quin.

LITERARY CLASS.—[illegible] next meet- ss on Friday evening, 10th inst, a held on the question, "Is smoking r W Hanna, Mr S Myles, Mr Lauder, dley, will take the opening part, and gentlemen have promised to speak re open to members only.

MR R H DYER, V S.—We regret the death, at his residence 12 treet, of Mr R H Dyer, V S, at an e. Mr Dyer occupied a position of inence in his profession, and was on many scientific subjects connected He was a frequent contributor to the ways displayed sound judgment and His death will be deeply regretted where he was known for a very long , and highly respected and esteemed. will leave his late residence at nine Saturday morning for St Mary's

FAIR.—The fortnightly fair of Lis- ld yesterday, and notwithstanding ging during the morning, there was f cattle in the market, for which the good. The attendance of buyers t be expected under the circum- ted. Prime beef reached 58s; second- ation, 6½d to 7d per lb; springers, strippers (young), £11 to £14; two ers, £8 to £10; one and a half year £5 10s to £8 10s; calves, £2 10s to nhams" or young pigs were in poor rom 12s upwards, according to age The pig fair was held on Tuesday.

ERATIVE CREAMERY SOCIETY.

ED CREAMERY AT BALLINA- GARDE

most influential meeting of residents was held at the residence of Mr F inagarde, for the purpose of consider- sability of establishing a Co-operative that district. Mr John Finucane, d the chair, and the matter having ed—the speakers including Mr James y, J P; Mr John Russell, J P, and Shine—a resolution was unanimously a Co-operative Creamery, to be called inagarde Co-operative Creamery," stablished. It was decided that the uld be adjourned until the 30th inst, sentative of the Central Association will attend and address the meeting Full report in next issue.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH.

y morning a sermon will be preached f the Society for the Propagation by the Rev. J. J. Hamilton, of the pur [illegible] In the evening the preach. [illegible] Subject: The Kingdom [illegible] Tuesday [illegible], at 8 o'clock, of the Winter Evening Entertain- be held in the Schoolroom, Lower lin street. A varied and attractive has been prepared. The chair will r the Rector, and Mr Frank Muspratt accompanist. Admission free. A col- the door. On Sunday evening, the the first of two Choral Services will be ection for church expenses.

SALE OF WORK.

mittee of the Irish Industries Associ- to thank the ladies and gentlemen who assisted at the Variety Entertainment, ed so much to the attractions of the hibition and Sale of Work, held in the . Also to those who assisted at the talls, and to the following for articles Cope, for piano; Messrs Todd & Co, , etc; Messrs McCarthy, screens, chairs rs Cannock & Co, do.

E COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS.

bkson, R.M., presided, and there was also Mr. W. F. O'Grady. A summons was against Mr John Hickey, T.C, Mungret- r the recovery of three and a half years' county cess. Mr Copeland, the collector, at the cess used to be paid by Mr Hickey t of land at Inch St Lawrence. Some tions arose between Mr Hickey and his with the result that he did not continue e cess. Mr Hickey, in reply to the , said he had no interest whatsoever in which was the property of his brother. ly got the money from his brother to pay ty cess, and, to convenience his brother, the money to the collector's office. The s adjourned for a month to have in- made as to the ownership of the land. ber of persons summoned for not having gs muzzled were fined half-a-crown each.

YAL DUBLIN SOCIETY'S SHOW.

LOCAL RESULTS.

derable success has attended the exhibits er from the Co-operative Wholesale s dairies, which are under the personal ment of Mr W L Stokes, of this city, Royal Dublin Societ's Show at Balls- held during the current week. In every ey obtained an award, including two first hree second prizes, and four third prizes; er medal and reserve in Special Champion r finest butter in the Show. This is one most successful achievements on record, ects great credit upon the dairies which l these honours. A hopeful sign of the n connection with this Show was the ex- of the quality of the exhibits and the to produce really high-class butter. It s if it were at last beginning to dawn upon h farmer that if he wishes to maintain his s must keep up his milk supply in winter. r confine all his production to the summer . The Co-operative Wholesale Society ndered great service by bringing this home agriculturist, and encouraging the supply er milk.

INSTER WINTER ASSIZES.

Cork, Wednesday.

erday morning, Right Hon Mr Justice n entered the City Courthouse, Cork, and d the business of the Munster Winter s.

Moore, an emergency man from Doerpark, Ennis, County Clare, was indicted, and d not guilty to having, on the 24th Sep- r, shot at one Henry Walker, with intent to The jury found the prisoner not guilty. His ip—Oh, discharge him at once. There ground for it.

ard J Carroll, Veterinary Surgeon, Ennis, ne, was indicted and pleaded not guilty to r on the 23rd June last feloniously killed ain one Daniel O'Shaughnessy, a groom in ployment. Evidence having been given, ry found the prisoner not guilty, but re- ended the widow of the deceased to his leration.

the Winter Assizes in Belfast, before the Chief Baron, Robert Patterson, a coachman employment, who shot his wife dead, being is of her, was sentenced to penal servitude e.

on on Sunday from 12 to 2 and 7 to 9 o'clock e sale of medicines and medical necessaries AIRD & Co., Chemists, 118, George-street rick. [July 22

THE MADAME STERLING CONCERT.

The Madame Antoinette Sterling Concert given Theatre Royal last night was a great musical success. There was a large and fashion- able audience, but the inclemency of the weather must have prevented numbers from attending, as several previously "engaged" seats in the circle were unoccupied. The audience fully appreciated the varied and interesting programme, and each artiste received a very warm reception. Mr Wallace Kennedy, tenor, filled the place of Mr Ley Vernon, whose regrettable absence was due to illness. Mr Kennedy proved a most acceptable substitute. His rendering of "Come, Margarita come" ("Martyr of Antioch") was pleasing in the highest degree. The artistic skill of which the singer is possessed was shown even more fully in the popular song "Come into the garden, Maud." "Bonnie Mary of Argyll," which he gave as an encore, was delightfully interpreted. Madame Antoinette Sterling, whose voice is of singularly pleasing quality, sang "The old-fashioned girl" with great expression, and the encore song ending with the words "Don't Cry," was interpreted in a manner that could leave no doubt as to the dramatic powers of the celebrated vocalist. Her success was repeated in Sullivan's undying melody, "The Lost Chord" and "We're a Noddin." Madame Inverni, contralto, who has a voice of very much power, and exceptional beauty and purity of tone, was listened to with the utmost pleasure in the air, "Mon cœur s'ouvre a ta voix" (Samson and Delilah). In the simple ballad "When a little while has flown," the artiste gave it an effect which should popularise the composition. Miss Edith Rema, soprano, sang "Ernani Ernani Involamie" (Verdi) in the most finished style, and the talented young artiste received unanimous admiration for her charming rendering of the ballad "Tra la la." A most attractive feature in the programme was the performance of Mr Albert Archdeacon, baritone, whose voice is rich and powerful. His rendering of "My Beloved" (Walthew) was most artistic, and his encore song, "Off to Philadelphia" was sung by him in a manner which imparted to it a new charm. He was heard with splendid effect in the recitation and air, "Oh, Star of Eve," from Wagner's Opera *Tannhauser*, and his second encore song, "Kathleen Mavourneen," was fully appreciated. Mr Gordon Tanner, violinist, exhibited rare skill as an instrumentalist. His selections, which included "Zigeunerweisen" (Sarasate), and "Preislied" (Wagner) were executed with brilliancy. Mr Spencer Lorraine conducted the concert, and played some pieces with great ability. A most interesting and highly satisfactory programme was brought to a close by the singing of the quartette from the *Mikado*, "Brightly dawns our wedding day," Miss Edith Rema, Madame Inverni, Mr Wallace Kennedy, and Mr Albert Archdeacon.

THE FINANCIAL RELATIONS QUESTION.

IMPORTANT MEETING IN DUBLIN.

Last evening a great meeting, convened by the Irish Financial Reform League, was held in the Mansion House, Dublin, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, who said it was gratifying to him to occupy the chair, for the first time in his official capacity, at a meeting of united Irishmen. The O'Connor Don, in moving a resolution, that it was imperative all Irishmen should joinin an effort to redress the undue burden of taxation which the Royal Commission had found pressed unduly on the resources of Ireland, said what they wanted was honest treatment, the observance of solemn engagements, and the fulfilment of pledges and promises on which the legislative Union was carried. Mr Lecky, M P, seconded the resolution, observing that the Treaty of Union distinctly provided for the separate treatment of Ireland in the matter of taxation. Lord Plunket supported the resolution, which was adopted. The Rev Dr Kane, Belfast, moved that there was no justification for delay in dealing with the financial grievances of Ireland, as disclosed by the Report of the late Royal Commission, on the plea of appointing a further Commission, which was unnecessary. Mr Dillon, M P, seconded the motion, which was adopted. Permanent officers of the Reform League having been appointed, on motion of the Earl of Mayo, seconded by Mr [illegible] M P, Mr Andrew Jameson was moved to the second chair, and the proceedings terminated.

LIMERICK PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting of Committee of this Society was held on Tuesday, 7th inst.—Very Rev. The Dean of Limerick, Chairman.

The application of a lady for one of the Girls in the Female Orphan Training School, as under nurse maid, was granted. There is another Girl at present in the Institution suited to teach and take care of two or three young children.

A Special Report from one of the locations was considered, and also some matters referred to the Committee by the Council of the Training School. Dec 8, '97.

THE PROTESTANT AID SOCIETY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—A report of the above Society for the past year lies before me. "The committee return thanks to Almighty God, who is the giver of every gift, for being able to continue and carry on the good work efficiently and successfully for the past year."

There are 26 inmates in the home. These are old and feeble men and women, who, having finished their work, retire to spend life's close in this harbour of refuge. To these sick and helpless inmates is rendered every assistance that medical skill and careful nursing can give to alleviate their sufferings.

Since the home was established 476 poor sick and infirm old men and women have been admitted.

The home is managed by a committee whose names are a guarantee for ability and business capacity. Surely such an institution appeals powerfully for support to a community one article of whose creed is active benevolence to all, but especially to those who are of the household of faith.

The committee regret to see that contributions have fallen off during the year, were it not for the munificient donation of one whose name is a household word for benevolent generosity, and is ever foremost in every good work, the Society would be considerably in debt.

The Society has also a fuel fund which provides for a distribution of coal to the poor during the winter months. The committee cannot say "No" to the deserving poor, and, in consequence, there is owing a considerable sum to the coal merchant, and also to the bank.

The season promises to be of unusual severity. Let those to whom God has given every comfort consider what the privation of a fire is, to those who are perhaps badly fed and badly clothed.

"Poor naked wretches whereso'er ye are,
That bide the pelting of this pitiless storm,
How shall your houseless heads and unfed sides,
Your looped and windowed raggedness defend you
From seasons such as these."

I am convinced that Protestants only require to know this Society in order to support it, and that the seeming neglect is more from want of thought than want of heart.

A small contribution from each would set the funds on a generous and solid basis, and place the donor in possession of the Master's promise. "In so much as ye have done it to the least of these, ye have done it unto Me." I beg to send one pound toward the expenses of the home.

Truly yours,

J VANCE.

Four fast French cruisers are being prepared for immediate despatch to Chinese waters.

Mrs Crofton, wife of Captain Crofton, of Ballyragget House, county Kilkenny, was killed while hunting with the Kilkenny Hounds yesterday.

A War Office notice issued last night cancels for the present the movement of the 2nd Battalion West India Regiment, which had been ordered from Sierra Leone to Jamaica.

The reported massacre of the French expedition near Bahr el Ghazl, on the way to the Upper Nile, is discredited in Paris. If left the Congo in May, with the object of reaching the Upper Nile before any British expedition and making an arrangement with the Mahdi.

Justice Darling on Monday, in the action in which a barman named Brown had been awarded £500 damages against *The People* for libel in connection with the murder of Miss Camp, granted stay of execution pending an appeal by the defendants for a new trial.

The Smithfield Club's annual show opened on Monday at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. The Queen has taken first prize for Devon steers, two years old, and the Duke of York secured the silver cup for the best red polled beast. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge visited the show.

Age 25—Whole Life or Endowment Insurance commencing Premium, £1 5s. 0d. Agent—J. F BENNIS, Limerick. [Sept 30.

CARVING AND GILDING.—P. O'Connor, 75 Catherine street, Picture Frame Maker.

SHOCKING TRAGEDY IN COUNTY LIMERICK.

ALLEGED WIFE MURDER.

CONFESSION BY THE HUSBAND.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

Newcastle West, Wednesday.

The most shocking tragedy which has occurred in this county for very many years was enacted on Monday night, or very early on the following morning, at Knockaderry, three Irish miles from the town of Newcastle west. The affair was so startling and revolting that the townspeople were slow to believe the news, although fully aware that the two parties concerned in the tragedy had led a most unhappy life. However it was soon elicited that Mrs. Kate Teresa Pierce Evans, of Knockaderry House, had been done to death by her husband, John Pierce Evans, according to his own confession, it being first reported that she was shot dead, but later inquiries showed that death was the result of desperate wounds which the man inflicted both by kicks and blows of a stick, or sticks. These wounds appeared on the face and all over the body, and it is evident that the poor creature had a most agonising end, and that the fiendish attack made upon her must have been the result of a fit of temporary insanity. Evans's conduct from time to time has been so peculiar and so eccentric, that most people whom I have spoken to take this view of the case, and even at the magisterial investigation to-day his demeanour was most peculiar. He was perfectly calm, but apparently of no fixed idea. He looked drowsy and fatigued, and seemed to take a listless interest in the whole proceedings, never making use of an audible remark, and only occasionally communicating with his solicitor on some point or other in a witness's evidence. The production of some article of wearing apparel belonging to the deceased would seemingly remove for a while the fixed vacancy which he presented, and he would bury his face in his hands and weep. As the full details of the tragedy are given in the report of the evidence at the magisterial investigation, it will be only necessary at this point to state broadly what they are. The prisoner whose family name is Pierce, some years ago took the sur-name of Evans on coming in for a comfortable property at Knockaderry on the death of a relation of his, Mr Thomas D'Arcy Evans; and the deceased woman whose maiden name was O'Connor, and hailing from Causeway, a village between Listowel and Tralee, had been in his employment as housemaid. Local gossip became busy, and in the result an action against Evans for libel was brought by a local gentleman farmer, while the deceased woman took an action against the plaintiff in the preceding action for assault, and she was beaten in the suit. These cases were tried in Dublin in May, '95, and they had a romantic but, as now turns out, a most tragic result, for O'Connor and Evans were married in a Registry Office, but even before they left the Metropolis, where they had been for three or four weeks, they began to fight, and their disagreements came under public notice in some shape or form. Mrs Evans was a fairly tall, rather good-looking woman of the peasant class, but, of course, unequal to Evans's social position, and to this fact may be ascribed the root of all the evil. She was about 40, and Evans 38. I was informed that on many occasions when they were in Newcastle West her manner and attitude towards her husband were of a very aggravating nature. At all events they were constantly quarrelling, and it seems he is a man of a most violent character, though not given to drink, but the wife, it is alleged, was addicted to it from time to time. Unfortunately, their domestic life claimed the attention of the magistrates at Petty Sessions, who again and again convicted and imprisoned Evans for assaulting his wife, and their latest appearance resulted in both parties being sent to gaol. One child was born of the marriage, and at a very tender age the infant had a most extraordinary, not to say perilous, adventure. The father left Knockaderry in one of his outbursts of temper, and taking the child (a little girl) with him to Charleville, proceeded to Cork. He had the child placed in some sort of a bag, and in this way he carried her about the city of Cork looking for lodgings, and was eventually given shelter by a woman who informed the police of the matter, and, of course, it furnished another police court incident. The wife proceeded to Cork and took possession of the child, and all three returned home. Their residence, Knockaderry House, is a fine building, surrounded with stately timber, and situate in the midst of a picturesque county, but it is poorly and scantily furnished, and for some considerable time Evans's position has been a most impecunious one, his effects having been sold by the bank for debt, and his property, which is fairly extensive, has passed into the Court of Chancery, the receiver being Mr Vincent Nash, of Limerick. He has a small allowance to live upon, and the sole occupants of the house were himself, his wife, and the little child, of whom he seems very fond, and who alone was the unconscious witness of the tragic ending of the brutal scene of Monday night. It transpired from the evidence that on Monday evening a young fellow named Hannan, whose father had some grazing from Evans, had been in the yard with his sisters milking the cows, and hearing noise in Mr Evans' house, concluded that something was wrong. Soon after Evans invited him to come in, and on doing so he found Mrs Evans lying on the ground apparently dead, and, but partially dressed. She had a cut over her eye. He remained there for some hours, during which Evans kicked her several times, and it is assumed that later on he further maltreated her. Sometime about two o'clock on Tuesday morning the prisoner, who was half dressed, proceeded to Hannan's house, a short distance away, and woke up the family saying his wife was bad and inviting them to go down to see her. No doubt profiting by previous experience they thought it prudent not to interfere between them, and they recommended the prisoner, who was in a most excited state, screeching and sobbing alternately, to go to the police. The prisoner thereupon went to the barrack, which is about a quarter of a mile from his own house, and Sergeant Mongay proceeding to the place with all haste, found the body of the deceased lying cold and stiff on the kitchen floor. Near her was the little child who was wrapped in peaceful sleep. The infant was given in charge to one of the neighbours and on returning to the Barrack the prisoner made a long and fairly connected statement which was taken down in writing, admitting that he had killed the woman and that it was the result of bad temper on both sides. District Inspector Bain, of Newcastle, was quickly on the scene and conducted the fullest inquiries into the matter and during the day was joined by County Inspector Hayes, who remained over for to-day's magisterial investigation. Last night an inquest was held at Knockaderry House by Mr. Coroner McDonnell, acting for Coroner Ambrose, who is at Cork Assizes, and the evidence was pretty much the same as that adduced to-day. The jury returned the following verdict:—"That Kate Teresa Pierce Evans, married woman, wife of John Pierce Evans, aged about 40 years, died at her residence, at Knockaderry, on Tuesday morning, the 7th instant, from injuries inflicted on her by her husband, John Pierce Evans." It is stated that the jury refused to add a rider that the accused was a victim to insanity. He was detained at the Police Barrack over-night pending the

MAGISTERIAL INVESTIGATION

which took place to-day, in that building, before Mr J M Dickson, R M. The public were not admitted, as the accommodation is very limited, but a large number of villagers remained outside during the proceedings, which lasted from one o'clock to six, as all the evidence had to be taken down in writing.

District-Inspector Bain, assisted by the County Inspector, conducted the proceedings, and Mr P T Liston defended the accused, who was returned for trial to the next Limerick Assizes, the defence being reserved.

The prisoner was formally charged that he did, on the night of the 6th December, or morning of the 7th, at Knockaderry, wilfully, and by malice afore-thought, kill and murder one Kate Teresa Pierce Evans.

Thomas Hannan, junior, deposed in answer to Mr Bain—I live in Knockaderry; I am a farmer's son; my father has some grazing taken from Mr Evans, the accused, whom I now identify; I went to Mr Evans' yard at Knockaderry on Monday morning and also on the day before that to milk the cows; I saw Mr Evans when I had the cows turned into the yard.

Mr Bain—Did he say anything to you?

Witness—No. I saw his wife; she milked one cow; I am not sure did she milk any of them, but she "stripped" four cows; she had some general conversation with me; I did not see any marks on her face then.

Mr Dickson—What hour was this?

Witness—About a quarter after eight; after the milking was all done I tackled the horse and came home; when I left Mrs Evans appeared in her usual health and as far as I saw right; I left for the yard again at four o'clock in the evening, and was accompanied by my two sisters Katie and Annie; when the milking was going on I heard some screaching inside the door leading from the yard into the kitchen; I mean the gate or door which goes into a sort of shed built over the kitchen door of the house.

Mr Bain—Who was screeching?

Witness—Mr Evans; he was telling the Mrs to get up.

Where was she? I could not see her then; I did not hear Mrs Evans say anything; I heard some sounds as if the prisoner was slapping the door with his leg in order to get her up, or beating her; I did not see either of them at all at that time; but when we were turning out the cows after milking them he called me and said "Tom, come here;" I went over and he ask-d me where were my sisters, and I said they were gone home; he asked me to stand at the door till he would go after them, and not to leave the Mrs out; he did not go after them; I said I would stand at the door, but I would not guarantee not to let her out; he himself was standing in the door at that time; he asked me to come in then, and said the Mrs was very bad, and to speak to her; I went in and I saw Mrs Evans on the ground just as I went inside the door; she was thrown on the ground and there was a quilt about her (quilt produced).

Mr Bain—Where you saw her lying on the ground, did she seem to have any life in her? No, there was not a stir in her.

I Suppose you thought she was dead? Yes. I spoke to her for five minutes and she got up on her hand and I helped her.

Did you see anything wrong with her? It was dark at that time and I could not see; she walked with the two of us into the next room; Mr Evans lit the lamp and I then saw her face; there was a cut over her eye; there was no blood coming from it, but it was a fresh cut; we took her up and carried her into a bed which was in the kitchen; when she was lifted up she had a petticoat and jacket on, and wore her shoes and stockings; she remained in bed about an hour, and after a time he gave her her clothes, which were hanging in the kitchen; she got up and just on a box alongside the bed and rested there; then she went down to the fire and got the tea pot, and I fetched her some water to make tea; she got three mugs and laid them on the table and filled out a mug of tea to herself and drank it; after a while she got sick; later on she asked me if I would have my supper with the "boss" (the prisoner); Mr Evans declined to take it; I said I should go home, and I declined the tea and remained for five minutes longer; I saw the accused hit Mrs Evans with his hand across the face while she was sitting on the chair at the fire; he gave her two or three kicks below the knee; he called her opprobious names, which witness mentioned; he had his boots on; she did not hit him back; she appeared to be very weak; I insisted on going a way, and he followed me out and let me go; he unlocked the door and at this was nine o'clock; I next saw Mr Evans at two o'clock the following morning; he shoved in our door, and then went on to the window, and I heard Mr Evans saying, "Get up, get up;" my father got up and let him in; he was excited, and was talking so quick that I could not understand what he was saying; he went down to another room where he had been with my father, and then came back to me, saying didn't he beg of me last night to say below; I said he did; "that's what I want to know," said he, and he ran out of the house altogether; my father went with him.

Mr Liston did not cross-examine.

Dr John Bouchier Hayes, Rathkeale, deposed—I made a *post mortem* examination of the body of Kate Teresa Pierce Evans, assisted by Dr Thomas Hayes, J P; all the organs of the body were quite healthy; there was contusion of the uterus such as would have been caused by a blow or kick; there were several contused wounds over the face, and an incised wound over the right eye-brow; on the legs there were several contused wounds, and hemorrhages under the skin; there was a severe lacerated wound on the right shin-bone; that would have been caused by a severe kick—the bone was exposed; the hemorrhages on both legs were such as would have been caused by a stroke or kicks; whichever it was, considerable violence must have been used; the cause of death was shock and exhaustion, due to the injuries I have mentioned; the wounds were recently inflicted; the body had very little blood in it as if she had suffered a great deal from hemorrhage. Death took place 20 or 21 hours before the post mortem which was made at 9 p m on the 7th inst.

Cross-examined—That hemorrhage was recent; the body appeared to have been well nourished; he did not find any traces of hemorrhage in the lungs.

Thomas Hannan, senior, deposed—I am a farmer residing at Knockaderry; the accused came to my house about two o'clock on Monday night; he called at the window; he was shouting and crying; I could not hear what he said; I got up and let him in; he told me that his wife was bad; he did not say what was wrong with her, or what had made her bad; he asked me to come down to Guiry's, a neighbouring farmer and carpenter; I never asked him what was wrong with her; he was crying going down to Guiry's; when we got there he called on one of them to open the door, and Mike Guiry did so; the accused said to have two of us go down to the house to see how is his wife and to bring her the child, and that if she was bad that he would come to the barrack and give himself up; I did not hear anything pass as to what made her bad; we did not go down, but we both said for him to go down to the barrack and give himself up, and that a police constable would go with him; the three of us then came here to the barrack; prisoner had only his shirt and trousers on, and no boots; he got a pair of shoes or boots at Guiry's; we saw some of the police, and I heard him say that he had beaten her with his hand in the face.

Witness was not cross-examined.

Michael Guiry, junior, gave similar evidence. Accused said that if there was anything wrong with his wife he would give himself up to the police; heard him tell the police that he had beaten his wife with a blackthorn stick.

Kate Hannon, daughter of Thomas Hannon, deposed to having seen Mrs Evans on Monday morning at 8 o'clock while witness was milking the cows; she was then all right; she wanted her to come into the house as the "Boss" had a message for the village, but witness did not go as she was in a hurry; Mrs Evans accompanied her on the way for some distance; and when they had reached the public road the prisoner followed her and called her back, and she did so; she then corroborated the first witness as to what occurred when she was milking the cows on the evening of that day; she heard Mr Evans yelling and screaming and she was satisfied it was at his wife; she heard the sound of blows as if he struck her with his hand; this occurred inside the kitchen door; witness was frightened, and she did not wait to finish the milking; she ran out the backway, and went home by the avenue; when he came to her house yesterday morning, about half-past two o'clock, the prisoner asked them to light the lamps as he wanted to have a last look at them, as he did not expect to see the place any more; he said he was in dread that there was something amiss with the Mrs; when he got to Guiry's he said she was in a bad state—that it was dead or in a faint she was.

Sergeant Thomas Mongay deposed—I am in charge of the police at Knockaderry; on yesterday morning I was called, at 3.30 o'clock, into the day-room of the barrack; the prisoner, with Tom Hannan and Michael Guiry, was there; Mr Evans was in the act of making a statement to the guard, Constable Gaffney; heard Evans say that he and his wife had a row, and he feared something was wrong with her; he said this during a rambling statement, and he was crying and talking alternately; Constable Boyle, myself, and Mike Guiry went to Evans's house, the latter man having had the keys, and I told two constables to detain him till I had returned; when I got to the house, and after going to the kitchen, we found the body of Mrs Evans stretched on the floor on a cushion and some clothes; she was quite dead, and I put my hand on her face and found it cold and rigid; her body was all covered with old clothes, except her face and part of the neck; the body was stretched out, and lying on her back; there were marks of wounds on her face, one over each eye, and the nose and jaw were marked; the wounds appeared to be fresh; there was no blood on the face except where the cuts were; I saw a small basin in the kitchen, and it contained dirty reddish water; the room was all in confusion; I got a bent tongs lying on the floor near the body, and I also found fragments of a broken hazel stick on the floor; I returned to the barrack, and left Constable Boyle in charge of the place; I arrested Evans, and charged him with having murdered his wife; I gave him the usual caution, after which he made a statement, which I took down, and he signed each sheet; it was as follows:—"I made a statement when I was in a calmer mind, before I knew my wife was gone; at 3½ p.m I came to the barrack; I killed my wife, and that was the short and the long of it; with my scolding and my temper, and without knowing what I was doing, and my heart is broken. My wife and I were over-worked, and were irritated and afraid of each other; we asked Tom Hannan to allow his son Tom, and his daughter to associate with us, for we were irritable and fight terribly when over worked; they refused to stay yesterday morning through a disagreement; my wife took it to heart, so that it put her into fits, and that sent me frantic for it upset my business, and we were all day scolding and fighting, and starved, and the child starved; and nobody with us to make peace. She was in her fits, scolding and irritating me and I was threatening her the whole day, but I did not hurt her until evening; we both went out at cow time, and as we could not get the Hannan girls to come in, I almost forced Tom Hannan, junior, to come in, and we both forced him to stay to keep peace between us for four hours nearly, till he threatened to break the door if we did not leave him out; he left us no milk, though we had not a drop in the house; he would not stay longer for any persuasion; after his going we both began to wrangle soon again, and my wife was arguing and throwing herself down and would not get up, and grabbing at me, and the child was cold and hungry and we were all hungry and miserable, and I got completly distracted, and bullied, and beat my wife for not doing as I told her, and kicked her shins and struck her on the mouth for arguing with me, and at length I beat her on the arms. I struck her repeatedly on the arms and body with my blackthorn stick, and she got convulsions in the stomach, and told me she was afraid she was going to die, and that there was blood in her throat; I stopped my brutality then, and I think I got my senses, and I got my coat and put it around her, and got her on my lap and tried to warm her with my body, and I brought her to and she was recovering, when the dogs all began to bark outside, and I began to talk wild again of giving myself up to the police, and when I said that she got terribly bad and began to stiffen in my arms, and I did all I could think of, but could not revive her; and she was breathing slower and slower, so I wrapped her up as well as I could to keep her from the cold, and covered her legs—they were cut from the kicks I gave her, and I kissed her lips and they were getting colder and colder, and I saw that Sophie (the child) was safe, and I ran for help to Guiry's and Hannan's, but they would not come, so I brought Mike Guiry and Tom Hannan to the barrack with me, and made Mike promise to go down for the youngster and take charge of her if anything happened by my brutality; and ask the help of Sergeant Mongay to go down as I could not go myself, or would not like till I knew all; but never again now, as my heart is broke and I will be a miserable man as long as I live, for I have only the little one left for her mother; my wife was delicate lately and throwing up blood and getting convulsions, and told Kate Hannan that she had not long to live; that the blood and convulsions would kill her, and she and I were both afraid that our mad, devilish rows would bring on the convulsions and choke her, and that is the reason we wanted to bind the Hannans to be always with us to prevent bad work, and Kate Hannan knows all, and I brought my wife every delicacy from Limerick last week, but it is all no good now. God help me.—JOHN PIERCE EVANS."

Witness, proceeding, described the clothes worn by Evans when he came to the barrack; he found the boots and coat he was wearing belonged to Mike Guiry; the defendant has been repeatedly prosecuted for assaulting his wife; I was present at the trial of several of these offences, and of my own knowledge he was imprisoned.

Mr Liston objected on the grounds that it was not evidence in the absence of the proof of convictions.

Mr Bain said he would produce the convictions at the proper time.

Cross-examined by Mr Liston—I have not the dates of the convictions; I cannot tell by what magistrate he was sentenced; I saw her sentenced for assaulting him.

Did he more than once make charges to you against her of assaulting him? Yes. He made statements to that effect from time to time; in fact they were both in the habit of complaining to me.

Were you present when she was charged in court? Yes, she was charged with assaulting her husband; she and her husband were both sentenced to terms of imprisonment on the same day.

Sergeant O'Connor, Newcastle West, deposed that he recollected the defendant coming in 1895 to Newcastle West Barrack for a revolver which had been sent by the Metropolitan police to the charge of the Newcastle police for Mr Evans. He got it, and said "This is a d—— nice fix I got into since I last saw you in Dublin in marrying that blasted woman. Do you think I could get away from her if I enlisted in the army or went sailoring." The witness gave further details of the conversation, and a cross-examination stated that he did not take a note of it at the time, but he remembered what occurred. Evidence was given by the witness and also by Constable Kelly as to finding certain clothing articles in the prisoner's house, some of which had blood stains on them.

District-Inspector Bain asked to have the case returned for trial to the next Assizes for the county of Limerick.

Mr Dickson read the charge to the prisoner, and cautioned him that anything he wished to say would be taken down in writing.

Mr Liston—He does not wish to say anything, sir. He is in my hands and he says he is not guilty.

Prisoner was then formally returned for trial to the next Co Limerick Assizes.

He was conveyed by the night mail by a small escort to Limerick prison.

A police Constable is in charge of the body at Knockaderry House to-night pending the interment to-morrow.

ENNIS UNION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

The weekly meeting of the Ennis Board of Guardians was held yesterday.

Mr William Cotter, Chairman, presided. There were also present—Messrs H B Harris, J P; H de L Willis, J P; James Cahill, D V C; Michael Glynn, John Lynch, V C; and P Fahey.

STATE OF THE HOUSE.

Admitted during the week 10; born 0; died 4; discharged 15; remaining in the house 469, at a cost per head of 3s 1½d; in Infirmary 128, at an average cost of 4s 4d; in fever hospital 10, at an average cost of 3s 5d; stimulants for week cost £1 17 8d.

FINANCE.

The Clerk informed the Board that the Union had a credit balance of £50 19s 10d. There was a lot of cheques to be signed. The collectors had made the following lodgments—Collector Halpin, £8, poor rate, and £1 13s seed rate; Collector Reidy, £50, poor rate, and £2 6s 8d seed rate.

The Clerk read a communication from the Financial Reform League, Dublin, enclosing certain resolutions for the adoption of the Guardians.

Mr Lynch proposed, and Mr Glynn seconded, that the second resolution be adopted, and this was also agreed to.

Arising out of a requisition from the Master for 80 yards of linoleum for the children's dormitory, there was a brief discussion, some of the Guardians apparently adversely viewing the application.

Mr Cahill said that evidently they wanted to make it a model workhouse.

Mr Burke pointed out that the article was required for the children's ward in the infirmary.

Mr Cahill said he would not object if it was for the infirmary.

The Clerk read a letter from the Irish Poor Law Officers Association, in reference to the proposed Irish Local Government Bill, enclosing resolutions for the adoption of the board, expressing the view that it would be inconsistent with the spirit of Local Government, injurious to the interests of the public service, and unfair to the Poor Law Officers, to have the administration of the various acts to which they were connected, or such of them as may be transferred to the proposed county councils, taken out of the hands of a trained body of officials and handed over to new officers wholly unacquainted with their provisions and working, and the employes of the Poor Law service were entitled to protection in the full enjoyment of the offices which they at present hold, or adequate compensation in the event of its being considered necessary to the symmetry of the proposed measure, that they should be deprived of all or any of them.

Mr Willis said there was not the remotest chance that the Government were going to interfere with any person who had been appointed for life under the scheme.

The resolutions were adopted.

The Irish Cattle Traders' and Stock Owners' Association forwarded a communication enclosing resolutions reiterated by the Committee recently, demanding from the Government the appointment of an Irish Agricultural Department, to be worked by Irishmen who have a thorough knowledge of the agricultural necessities of their own country, seeing that in England, where the agricultural interest is but 14 per cent of the industrial volume, there is an Agricultural Department with 82 salaried officials, while in Ireland, where the overwhelming majority of the population have to depend for income on the products of the soil, there is no agricultural department whatever. The Association was strongly of opinion that the establishment of an Irish Board of Agriculture, and of a Veterinary College in Dublin, would be of incalculable benefit to the Irish live stock trade.

The resolution was adopted.

EXTENDING BURIAL GROUNDS.

The Clerk read a letter, which had been signed by a number of the ratepayers of the Parish of Kilmaley, drawing the attention of the Guardians to the overcrowded and unsanitary condition of the graveyard there, and asking the Guardians to have the necessary steps taken to have it enlarged. He added that the consideration of the request had been adjourned until to-day.

It was decided to request Mr Sexton, architect, and Dr Killeen to inspect the ground, and report to the Board.

TENDERS.

The tender of W D Steven, for 500lbs of sweet loaf for the Christmas holidays, at 5d per lb, was accepted.

Mr D Roughan's tender for two stones, with fittings, at £4 15s each, was also accepted.

THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE DISCOVERED AGAIN.

IN AMERICA THIS TIME.

A correspondent, who is described as "a responsible and well-known man of science," sends to the *Daily Chronicle* an account of the discovery of a process for transmuting silver into gold. The modern Raymond Lulli is an American chemist, Mr. Emmens, of New York. "The statements, says the chronicler, "are certainly definite enough, and if they are true, bimetallism will have its quietus, and alchemy its justification."

NINETEEN INGOTS OF ALCHEMICAL GOLD.

The report is to the effect that, between April and November of this year, nineteen ingots of gold have been produced from silver. Of these eighteen have been purchased by the United States Assay Office, and one by an English syndicate. The weight of the first ingot was, before melting, 7.06 oz., and after melting 7.04 oz. The result, after subjection to five processes in all, mechanical and chemical, was the production of gold for which, after a small charge for refining, the United States Assay Office in New York paid 95.65 dols. There remained a refractory proportion of a liver, which is estimated at 26 per cent of the whole ingot. Mexican dollars, being of pure silver, with the very faintest trace, if any, of gold, are the favourite material employed by Mr Emmens for the transmutation process.

HOW TRANSMUTATION WAS ACCOMPLISHED.

The first and most important stage of the transmutation is said to be the mechanical process of hammering. But the beating must be under conditions of cold such as to prevent even a temporary rise of temperature when the blows are struck. Perhaps this is effected by sprays of either playing on the metal. The estimated cost of the process from start to finish is £2 sterling per ounce of gold produced, the value of pure gold being nearly double that sum. Innumerable adepts among alchemists of the Middle Ages claimed to have discovered the great secret of turning base, or baser, metals into gold, the basis of their operations being usually a small quantity of fine gold, and the agent a mysterious powder, red or black, which was declared to be the immediate agent of transmutation. Unluckily these fortunate predecessors of Mr. Emmens always died without revealing their secret.

A SPECIMEN OF GOLD IN LONDON.

The *Chronicle* adds:—Whether the statements which reach us in precise form are verified or not, it must be remembered that modern chemical research tends to confirmation of the theory that all the elements are but modifications of an unknown prima materia, that, in terms of chemistry, all are allotropic, as exemplified in the sparklind diamond and the opaque graphite, both being a form of carbon. It should be added that a specimen of the transmuted silver has been sent by Mr Emmens to a distinguished metallurgical chemist in this country, who will forthwith submit the specimen to analysis. Much depends upon that, and we hope to be enabled to make public the result when obtained.

WINNING OWNERS IN 1897.

During the racing season just ended only one owner has succeeded in winning over £20,000. This is Mr Gubbins, who heads the