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the speakers on yesterday last
lost in putting our forces in order if we mean
to win. As it is, we have a great deal of lee-
way to make up and lost time to recover.

A special meeting of the Town Council will be
held on Thursday next, for the transaction of a
variety of business.

The passes in the Middle grade of the Inter-
mediate Examinations include the name of Miss
Fanny L K Day (Victoria College, Kingstown),
daughter of Mr J C T Day, of this city.

Mr William O'Dea, Parteen, obtained a first
class certificate in Mathematics (Stage 1) at the
recent Science and Art Examinations at the
Athenium. We congratulate him on his highly
creditable success.

The *Galway Express* is pleased to be in a
position to announce that His Honor County
Court Judge Kelly, Q C, who was ill at his
residence in Newtown, is now restored to his
usual good health.

The Castleconnell Petty Sessions were held
yesterday, the presiding magistrates being Mr
Charles Vassittart and Major Massey Westropp.
The business consisted of four trivial cases, in
which nominal fines were imposed.

The tide rose to an extraordinary height this
evening. It was almost at a level with the quay
walls, and partly flooded the roadways. The
kitchens in the houses near the river were flooded
to the extent of some feet. A very strong breeze
prevailed, and had the effect of swelling the tide,
already an unusually high one, viz, 20ft 5in.

PRESENTATION TO A BANK OFFICIAL.—Mr W
A Dowman, Accountant of the Munster and
Leinster Bank in this city, who, as already re-
ported, has been promoted to the Manager-ship of
Rathdowney Branch, was on Saturday evening
at Prosser's Hotel, presented by the staff and
some personal friends in the city with a handsome
souvenir on the occasion of his departure to the
more important sphere of duty. Mr J V Golden,
Manager of the Bank, presided, and conveyed the
presentation to Mr Dowman in a very felicitous
address, in which he referred in eulogistic terms,
to Mr Dowman's many excellent qualities, and
on behalf of himself and the company assembled,
congratulated him on his well-deserved promotion.
Mr Dowman suitably replied.

FUNERAL OF MR JAMES GREER.—The funeral of
Mr James Greer, whose death we announced in
our obituary column on Saturday, took place on
Sunday, the remains being interred in the family
burial ground at St Munchin's Church. The
deceased was for many years member of
the clerical staff in the Limerick branch
of the firm of Messrs. Guinness and Son.
He was highly esteemed by a wide circle of
friends, and his unexpected demise, occurring
after a few days' illness, evoked the deepest
regret and sympathy, all the more accentuated by
the fact that Mr Greer was only in the prime of
manhood. The funeral was of very large propor-
tions, and besides the clerical staff and employees
of the firm, various business establishments in
the city were represented. Numerous wreaths
were sent by friends. The Rev T B Robertson,
Rector of St Munchin's, officiated.

THE EARL OF DUNRAVEN'S YACHT IN THE SHANNON.

Our Glin correspondent writes:—The Earl of
Dunraven's magnificent yacht "Carlod," with the
noble owner on board, has after a prolonged
cruise, arrived in the Shannon, and is
at present lying in Foynes harbour.
His lordship, with a distinguished party, includ-
ing the Knight of Glin and Lady Fitzgerald, are
proceeding on Wednesday next in the "Carlod"
to Sneem, in Kerry, where the Dunraven family
have an extensive property. The preserves on
the estate are reported to be well stocked, and
the party anticipate an enjoyable time during the

and position so intimately associated with
military life, were soon seated in the train, and
as it steamed off they were accorded a most
hearty ovation, which, while highly flattering to
the recipients, must have also touched a "tender
chord," and reminded them that they were
leaving a city where officers and men of all ranks
enjoyed unbounded popularity. During their long
stay in Limerick the conduct of the men was
excellent, and having regard to the remark we
have just made, it goes without saying that
nothing but the happiest relations existed
between them and the citizens. The cheers of
the assembled friends at the station were lustily
responded to by the gallant soldiers. It is under-
stood that the Royal Irish will be in Buttevant
for only twelve months, after which it will
proceed to Aldershot, and then it will be on order
for foreign service.

One hundred and seventy men of the Cheeshire
Regiment (a company of which has been here
since Friday) arrived here to-day from Butte-
vant.

THE FREE LIBRARY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—It goes without saying that from a
moral, intellectual, and educational point of view
a Free Library is one of the greatest boons any
community can possess. The most efficient, and
at the same time economic, mode of conducting
such an institution is a problem the solution of
which should interest every member of the read-
ing public; and because I, individually, am
fortified with this idea I claim the courtesy of
your columns to draw attention to the internal
economy of the establishment in Lower Glintworth
street. According to the existing regulations the
lending department of the Library is open for the
issue of books from 3 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9
p.m. I know there are many male readers whose
daily avocations absolutely preclude them chang-
ing their books during the first-mentioned hour,
and, of necessity, can only do so from 7 to
9 p.m. When they arrive at the Library
what do they find? Simply the place
blocked with a class of people who could
easily attend at the earlier hour—juvenile
males and female devotees of Mrs Henry Wood
and Miss Braddon, whose insatiable appetites for
the sensational must be first appeased before the
legitimate literary inclined, all-day-at-work citizen
can obtain his coveted volume. When at length he
does succeed it is only after the lapse of a pro-
longed wait, and he departs to the quietude of
his inglenook, not only in possession of the best
thoughts of his favourite author, but also fortified
with thoughts of his own too deep for words.

The means for remedying such an evil are
manifest and manifold. As one having had
experience of the elaborate Free Libraries of
England and Scotland, I might suggest a few.
Ours being only what one might term the
nucleus of a Free Library, it may be
impracticable to have an exclusive ladies' and
juvenile lending department, the present extent
of the Library not admitting of such a classifica-
tion. But why not have an exclusive time for the
issue of works to those individuals? Extend the
present earlier period from 3 to 5 p.m. for ladies
only, and reserve the 7 to 9 for male readers alone.
On the other hand, you could have the hours
remain as at present, but for quicker despatch
increase the attendant staff. This latter may
not recommend itself, owing to financial con-
siderations; and yet, anybody who understands the
amount of arduous labour performed by the
energetic, courteous, and attentive librarian, ably
and gratuitously assisted by his capable spouse,
cannot but admit that this would be the only
equitable way out of the difficulty.

However, I give those suggestions for what
they are worth, and may add that this letter does
not emanate from any sinister motives, but merely
suggests itself from my own sad experience and
the complaints of many acquaintances. The evil
exists, but I have not the slightest doubt that
when the aggregate wisdom of the Committee is
concentrated on it a cure will readily be found.

With anticipatory thanks for reply,

I am, dear sir, yours &c.,

"MICMAC."

Limerick, 27th August, 1898.

WATERBURY CREW GOING TO PARIS.

general traffic was not materially interfered with.

CONSTABULARY INQUIRY AT RATHKEALE.

An inquiry was held at Rathkeale on Saturday into charges of neglect of duty and tippling preferred against Sergeant Flynn, Rathkeale, on the 8th of August last. The court was composed of County Inspector Hayes and District Inspector Hussey. Head Constable McCermack prosecuted. Evidence for the prosecution was given by two constables, and for the defence six civilians were examined. The minutes of the evidence have been forwarded to the Inspector General, Sir Andrew Reid, whose decision will be made known in due course.

CITY DISPENSARY COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting of the City Dispensary Committee was held yesterday, Dr O'Shaughnessy, D.L., presiding, the only other member present being Rev D.R. Shanahan, P.P. Mr J.H. Lee, Hon. Secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. The chairman, arising out of the minutes referring to the excessive use of belladonna plaster, as stated by the medical inspector of the Local Government Board, said the question was fully explained by the reply of the doctors. The minutes were confirmed. The payment of £2 2s per week was sanctioned to be paid to Mr John M'Mahon for acting as temporary substitute for Mr J.H. Lee. Payment of £3 3s per week was ordered to be made to Dr Mulcahy for acting for Dr Shanahan.

PUBLIC FREE LIBRARY.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Library on Friday evening. The Mayor presided, and the other members present were—Rev J. Dowd, Messrs J. Frost, J.P., B. Barrington, solicitor; W.B. Joyce, Dr W.A. Fogerty, J.G. Fogerty, A.B. Baker, hon. treasurer; W.M. Nolan, Town Clerk, secretary, and John Hogan, librarian.

It was decided that lists of the new books added to the Library since the catalogue was completed be printed, and a copy given to each purchaser of the catalogue.

The writer of the letter signed "Micmac," which recently appeared in the local Press, sent a copy of the letter for the consideration of the committee, but they could not see their way to make any change in the arrangements for the lending and receipts of books, as suggested.

The librarian's report for month of September was submitted as follows, viz:—Lending Library—Borrowers registered during the month, 36; books turned over, 2,097; receipts from fines, sales of catalogues, tickets, newspapers, etc., £3 14s 7d. Reference Library—Visitors during the month, 9,783; books turned over, 617.

CRYING OUT THE HOURS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR.—Apropos of the recent nightwatch case I would suggest to our Civic Fathers, to direct the men in future not to cry out the hours. If the nightwatch system was purged of this constipated idea it would be a welcome abatement, to a slight amount, of the nuisance.

Yours, &c.

M.O.P.

The military forces in Paris were still further strengthened yesterday morning from the garrisons of neighbouring towns. Absolute quiet and good order were maintained in the city all day.

Kuang Hing Su, Chinese Minister designate to Japan, has been arrested in Shanghai under a decree of the Empress on a charge of high treason. He has been ordered to be sent to Peking where it is probable that he will be

Office of Public Works,

12th October, '98.

Sir—I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to inform you that upon their recommendation the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have been pleased to authorize that a loan of the sum of £50,000 may be made for the purposes of the Improvement Scheme to the Corporation of Limerick.

I am to request that you will instruct the Corporation Solicitor to furnish the Board's solicitor with an accurate description of the premises about to be acquired, accompanied by a marked ordinance sheet or survey and a copy of the Provisional Order relating to the scheme. A deposit of £11 is required to defray counsel's fees and stamp duties. I enclose a receivable order for that amount and the lodgment should be advised without delay.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

H. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

THE CORPORATION.

A meeting of the Corporation was summoned for to-day. Shortly before one o'clock the roll was called, and only eleven members having responded, no business could be transacted. These were—Alderman Hall, Councillors M. McDonnell, Peter McGuire, Joseph O'Malley, Patrick O'Malley, James Hayes, P. Franklin, S. Tubridy, Wm O'Connell, John Clune, Wm E. Connihan, with Mr Nolan, Town Clerk; Mr Corbett, City Surveyor, and Mr Dundon, Law Adviser.

Mr Tubridy suggested that they should wait a few minutes longer, as it was likely some more members might attend.

Alderman Hall—You can't wait now after the roll has been called. You may tell them to go back and have a glass of rum (laughter).

Mr Tubridy thought Alderman Hall should not be splitting hairs in this fashion by calling attention to the time.

Alderman Hall—Why don't you induce people to come at a proper hour. I find, and I don't think any one of you can contradict me, that it is the men who have most to do are most punctual in attendance.

Mr Tubridy thought they had something else to do besides listening to Alderman Hall.

Ald. Hall—I listen to you with pleasure, and what is more, I read your remarks with care, because they are the only sensible remarks next to my own that are made in the Council.

Mr Wm O'Connell considered it was too bad that people should be brought away from their business and no meeting held.

The Town Clerk having informed Mr O'Connell that it would be illegal to go on with any business when there was not a quorum at roll call, those present separated.

A native officer of the 4th Madras Pioneers, objecting to his wife's detention at the plague camp at Pondanur, drew his sword and attacked the plague officials, killing one and wounding another.

The crusade against anarchists is very vigorously carried on in Switzerland. The Federal Council continue to issue orders for the expulsion of persons suspected of revolutionary leanings. Warrants were issued yesterday for the arrest of six more Italian suspects.

Mr Hiram Maxim, the inventor of the Maxim gun, who has been revisiting America during the past months, was arrested the other day when about to return to England, being charged with bigamy and wife desertion. He declares that these proceedings are merely an attempt to levy blackmail, and he has engaged the services of some eminent lawyers for his defence. He admits that his relations with the lady now prose-

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CONCERTS.—We direct

despise Me shall be lightly esteemed." This old church now presents a bright and attractive aspect. The pew doors have been removed. A new stove has been erected. All the internal walls have been coloured with a rich creamy tint. Double glass has been put into all the windows, the reveals of which have been handsomely stencilled. A new lectern and chair have been procured. The reading-desk and pulpit have been lowered and readjusted, and new lamps have been erected in both; whilst Mrs Lloyd, of Beechmount, painted with her own hands the Eastern window, and provided all the furniture on, and adjacent to, the Holy Table, as well as very neat and suitable blinds for the windows. The parishioners, too, have refurnished their several pews, and the organ has been tuned anew last week; so that now Rathkeale Church may well be looked upon as one of the most decent and orderly "temples of God" in the land.

THE FREE LIBRARY.

The Public Free Library in Glentworth street, was opened yesterday by the Mayor. The proceedings were purely formal, the Mayor merely placing his name at the head of the visitors' book, and declaring the library open. Mr Kenny, solicitor, on behalf of the committee presented his worship with a silver pencil in honour of the event. The building alterations in connection with the Library were carried out by Mr Wm. McCarthy, Sexton street, and the paper decorations were executed by Mr Geary, Thomas street. The public portion of the building consists of two apartments, the lower floor being set apart for the purpose of the Library, but the only books there at present are those from the Athenæum, and we understand that until further arrangements are made it will be used only as a reference Library. The reading room, which is on the first landing, is a comfortable and cheerful apartment, furnished with stained pitched pine, and containing, as usual, newspaper stands, on which will be placed all the local and many leading English and Irish newspapers, as well as the most attractive magazines and periodicals. Of course the arrangements are only in their infancy, but there is every reason to believe that the desire of the promoters of this most excellent and useful project will in a short time be realised.

CONSECRATION OF THE BISHOP OF KILLALOE.

The consecration of the Rev Canon Wynne,

sub-committee being appointed to take into consideration the question of heating, and also that relating to the overcrowding of the house.

The Board of Control wrote in reply to a resolution of the Board complaining that a recent contract had not been sufficiently advertised by that body, that the usual custom had been carried out—viz, one insertion in the *General Advertiser*, the *Irish Builder* (which circulated over Ireland), and also one insertion in a local paper.

The Governors, however, still considered that the advertisement should have appeared in all the local papers.

THE APPOINTMENT OF FEMALE ATTENDANTS

Dean Bunbury, in accordance with notice of motion, moved "that in future the appointment of female attendants shall be made by the Board of Governors in the same manner as male attendants are appointed at present." He said that he did not anticipate any opposition to this resolution. He did not very much care whether it passed or not, but he thought if they were to have uniformity of rule, it ought to be passed. If it was not passed, they ought to leave the appointment of male attendants in the same hands as the female appointments were left (hear, hear). He did not know whether they had authorised, by any resolution, the handing over of a responsibility that was certainly the Governors, to the Resident Physician, no matter what confidence they had in him, and he must say that he (the Dean) for one had every confidence in their doctor. He (the Dean) had been there he did not know how many years—he fancied he was the oldest continuous member of the board, having been 21 years there without a break—but he never remembered that the appointment of females was handed over by a board resolution to the Resident Physician. If such a resolution were passed, he presumed it would be on the minutes. He would simply now move his resolution, and had not asked anyone to second it, though on the last day some of the Governors expressed themselves in favour of it.

Mr Spillane—Would the Dean allow me to ask him does he recollect within his 21 years' experience that there ever was a parade in the board-room of female attendants? Did the Governors interfere directly or indirectly—

Dean Bunbury—I am not aware that they did.

Mr Spillane—You never saw them Dean, nor and I am an older Governor than you.

Mr J G Barry seconded the Dean's resolution. Mr Harris considered that the resolution would interfere with the doctor's control over

city was taken to a Veterinary Establishment. It is not of much consequence, perhaps, so far as the public are concerned whether a newspaper report be correct or otherwise. At the same time the public desire accurate statements to be set before them. It appears that the horse was frightened in some way, when near Baker Place yesterday, and got upon the spike of the railings, receiving very serious injury. The horse is the property of Mr John Murphy, carrier to the W & L E Co. As soon as the accident happened a car was sent for me to go to the case. The animal walked to his own stable, situated in Thomas-street, where I saw him. He is under my treatment. I fear from the appearance of the wound that it will be a tedious case.

Yours obediently,

H. H. Price

12 Dec, '93.

BANQUET TO LORD DUNRAVEN.

The members of the Sports Club entertained Lord Dunraven to a banquet at the Club House, St James's last night, in recognition of his efforts to bring the America Cup back to this country. The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, Lord Colville, of Colville, Lord Suffield, Sir John Astley, Lord Kinnaird, Sir Charles Russell, Q C, M P, and in all 135 gentlemen sat down to dinner. The Prince of Wales submitted the toast of the evening. A singing concert followed, many well-known London entertainers taking part in the entertainment.

SERIOUS ASSAULT AT ROSCREA.

At the last Roscrea Petty Sessions a man named Thomas Rice was charged in custody with having committed a desperate assault on a publican named Patrick Larkin in that town a few evenings ago. The evidence went to show that the prisoner and another man were in Larkin's publichouse when a dispute arose, and Rice deliberately flung a lighted paraffin lamp at Larkin, and knocked him senseless immediately after by a blow of a glass put. Dr Somers was at once called in to attend Larkin, whose position was so critical that his depositions were taken. He was unable to attend at Petty Sessions, and the prisoner was further remanded.

LADIES' WINTER BOOTS—O Connell's, Thomas street, is now showing splendid value in the above, from 12s 6d per pair. "Boots" (patent) Boots, Leather and Rubber Boots, with calf or grain hide uppers, from 17s 6d per pair. These are splendid boots for wet