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 Fresh butter 16d. per lb.  
 (To be continued next Tuesday).

**DEATH OF MR. J. MATTERSON, J.P.**

We announce with very sincere regret the death of one of our leading and highly esteemed citizens, Mr. Joseph Matterson, J.P., Castle Troy House, who passed away yesterday morning at the County Infirmary. Mr. Matterson successfully underwent an operation some ten days ago, but some time later his strength began to fail. Towards the close of the past week his condition was regarded as extremely grave. He gradually sank, and passed away peacefully at 6 45 on Monday morning.

The deceased, who was in his 68th year, was a son of the late Mr. Joseph Matterson, a Cumberland gentleman, who settled down in Limerick in 1820, and formed the extensive bacon-curing business now known as J. Matterson and Sons, Limited, one of the oldest of the kind in the United Kingdom. In coming to this country the gentleman followed the example of his brother-in-law, Mr. John Russell, a native of the same county, who years previous to the date mentioned started a bacon factory in this city, and after a most successful career eventually retired from business. Mr. J. Matterson senior died in 1855, and the management of the firm then devolved on his sons, William and Joseph, the former taking charge of the English business, and residing in London, while the latter took charge of the Limerick and Waterford factories, both of which employ a very large number of hands. Mr. William Matterson died at the age of 71, in January, 1903, since which time the gentleman whose demise we now record has been chairman of the firm, and also of William Matterson and Company, of London. Mr. Joseph Matterson was a most active and energetic business man, and also to the last was at the post of duty. He was a man of a most kindly, courteous, and unassuming manner, free of access, consistent with the pressure of business responsibilities, and evincing the same genial manner to all with whom he came in contact, rich and poor alike. The extent of his unostentatious charity will never be known, and in all movements of a philanthropic nature, or tending to the material benefit of his native city, he took a deep and practical interest. Still, he was a man who in the ordinary sense of the word was not ambitious for public life or public honour. He was an old member of the Limerick Chamber of Commerce, and one of the oldest surviving magistrates of the city. He was a vice-patron of the Protestant Young Men's Association, and his name has long been identified with the Diocesan Synod and church affairs generally. In short, Mr. Matterson's death has created a void in our city, which he resided all his life, which it will be difficult to fill, and the deepest sympathy of a host of friends in city and county is tendered to Mrs. Matterson and family in their keen sorrow.

The funeral will leave Castle Troy House at eleven o'clock to-morrow (Wednesday) for the family burial place at Kilmurry.

**RAINFALL FOR MARCH, 1906.**

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meetings held in the board-room every month. One lady is appointed for each month to look after the working of the Home. The Committee desire to thank them for their care and attention towards the inmates.

"In outside relief, 718 grants in money, bread and coal have been made to poor Protestants living in Limerick and its vicinity.

"Your Committee offer their grateful thanks to Doctors Everina Massey, Fogarty, Kennedy and Myles for their services to the sick inmates of the Home. We take this opportunity of expressing the hope that the Protestants of every denomination in Limerick city and county will assist towards helping to keep the Society out of debt, and enable the Committee to extend and not to curtail the work which has been blessed by God for 44 years.

"It is with regret we regard the loss through death of two of the old friends of the Society. Mrs. Edward Fitt was connected with this Society from its commencement, and up to the last manifested her active interest in its working. The late Rev. J. F.G. Gregg, Dean of Limerick, was also connected with the Protestant Aid Society from the beginning of its existence, and his loss in every way is deeply to be deplored."

**MATRONS' REPORT.**

The Matrons' report stated—"We, having in the year 1905 with 24 inmates in the Home, 10 men and 14 women. The conduct of the inmates has been very good. There is a vacancy for one man in the sick ward, and in a case of great need we could make room for one woman. There have been five admissions during 1905, 4 women and 1 man. The average cost per head for food has been £9 per head per year, 15s. per head per month, 5 1/2d. per head per day.

Mr. Ho Ford submitted the financial statement, and also the Treasurer's report as follows—

**THE TREASURER'S REPORT**

"It affords me great pleasure to report that the year closed with a credit balance of £55 0s. 6d. owing to a special effort made to pay off the debt due to the Provincial Bank.

"As previously reported the outlay exceeds the income by £150, and I would urge on Committee the necessity of considering the financial position of the Society with a view to making such arrangements as will increase the income, and so enable the Society to do its work and close each year free of debt.

"The best thanks of the Committee are due to the lady whose name I may not publish, for her benevolent gift of £100, conditionally; also to those who so generously responded to the special call, and to Mr. Wright, Manager and Editor of the "Limerick Chronicle," for the energetic manner in which he took up the case and brought it to a successful issue.

**GENERAL FUND.**

The amount subscribed for 1904 was	£	200	s	7	d	6
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**OUT-DOOR ASSISTANCE, FUEL AND CLOTHING FUND.**

The amount subscribed for 1904 was	£140	13	6
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**DONATIONS.**

The amount received for 1904 was	£134	7	5
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"I have again to bring under the notice of the Committee the following facts:—

"There are only 4 inmates who were born in the City of Limerick, all the others came from county and surrounding counties, with a few from more distant parts. Out of 80 persons who received fuel and other help this year, only 20 were born in the city, all the others came from the county and surrounding counties. I wrote

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