

R. R. Parsons, Registrar, read the minutes of the last meeting, which stated that the election of a Medical Officer to the hospital had been deferred from that date until to-day for want of a quorum, nine members.

There were three applications for the office of surgeon in succession to Dr. John Holmes, who resigned—Dr. O'Brien, of Caher (presently acting); Dr. Francis S. Brennan (of Edinburgh), Parteen; and Dr. Conroy, M.B., Murroe.

Parsons said the application of Dr. Martin was received since the last meeting, being dated yesterday. He forwarded no testimonials, testimonials had been sent in by Dr. O'Brien. The Mayor said the question was, if the Act for the regulation of the hospital would permit its election.

Murray—There appears to be nothing in it in the Act or in the advertisement for a date.

The Mayor said he would like to have the opinion of the doctors present on the question.

Holmes said Dr. O'Brien was acting for several weeks, and he took it that the candidates were qualified.

After some conversation it was decided to put the names of all three candidates before the meeting, and let the members vote thereon. Accordingly there voted—

For Dr. Brennan—Dean O'Brien, Father Mahon, A. Murray, and C. Johnson—4.

For Dr. O'Brien—George Ryan and Alderman Conroy—2.

And not vote—Dr. Holmes, Dr. Fogarty, and the Mayor.

Dr. Brennan was accordingly declared elected. All other business was routine.

## CITY POLICE COURT.

Mr. E. F. Hickson, R.M., presided yesterday. John M'Mahon, stated to be a newsboy, was charged by Sergeant Lungergan with breaking a pane of glass on Saturday night in the establishment of Mr. George O'Dea, George street. M'Mahon and other lads were quarrelling about ten past nine o'clock, and a stone was flung, which caused the damage complained of in the case. The glass broken was stated to be value for five guineas. The accused was remanded. John Gallagher, a labourer, was fined 2s 6d for drunkenness, and ordered to find nominal bail or go to gaol for a month, on a charge of threatening his wife, Mary Kelly. Gallaher was committed in default.

## HILLDROP CRESCENT MYSTERY.

Notwithstanding the announcements made to the contrary during the past week, the burial of the remains found underneath the cellar at Hilldrop Crescent will not take place until after the trial of Dr. Crippen and Miss La Neve at the Assizes at the Bailey this month. The arrangements for the funeral have been undertaken by the Music Hall Ladies Guild, of which Miss Belle Elmore (Mrs. Crippen) was the hon. treasurer. No definite date has been fixed, nor has the place of interment been decided upon.

mittee for consideration.

### TO STOP CANVASSING.

Mr. Goodbody mentioned the question of filling all future vacancies in the board by competitive examination. Very shortly they would be making appointments in connection with the "Hopper" they were about purchasing, and he thought they should not be canvassed or give them by influence. The proper way was to make every appointment on merit. He was about putting in a notice of motion in connection with the matter, but before doing so he should like to test the feeling of the members. Let them make a rule that canvassing for positions would mean disqualification of candidates who adopted such a course.

The Mayor—I am afraid, Mr. Goodbody, that human nature will assert itself. That is my fear, but I can appreciate your spirit.

Mr. Goodbody—If candidates knew that it would be dangerous to canvass it would stop the thing.

The Mayor—There is no doubt about it but canvassing should be deprecated. Whether it will meet with the approval of the Board is another matter.

Mr. Goodbody—I don't think it will.

Mr. Power—Take some of the Boards in England where it is in existence.

Mr. Quin—It would be a good rule, and save a lot of bother.

Alderman Joyce—You will have to canvass the Judges of the land if you want a position from them.

Mr. Goodbody thought some Board should set the example against canvassing.

Mr. Power—It would be a popular proposition no doubt in Scarriff (laughter).

The matter was not further discussed.

### THE PURCHASE OF A HOPPER.

The Board next considered the question of purchasing a hopper, and as the negotiations were not completed the matter was deferred.

## A BELATED INTERMENT.

With reference to the discovery made in Mungret Cemetery on Friday morning of a coffin containing the remains of John M'Mahon, stated to have been a newsboy, and which it appeared had been left in the graveyard overnight from the previous evening, we have received a letter from the "companions of deceased" explaining the circumstances of the case. It states that they made a collection on Wednesday night for his burial, which was arranged for Friday, but the nearer relatives had the remains taken to Mungret on Thursday evening "entirely unknown to his companions" at whose instigation, it is added, the interment took place on Friday.

## THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

The Right Hon. Augustine Birrell, M.P., Chief Secretary of Ireland, accompanied by Mrs. Birrell and family, arrived in Dublin on Saturday afternoon. He is in residence at the Chief Secretary's lodge, Phoenix Park.

## CLARE RAILWAY

### New Men at

Up to the present there is little to be said in the situation so far as the men on the railway are concerned except that this morning the railway men went to procure the services of a new set of men from the Kilkee side of the railway, whom they had experienced in rail work and who had been engaged casually in the past at work in the railway yard for repairs and "packing" sleepers and sidings, under the direction of Inspector O'Donohoe. Some of the men were protecting the party. The position in the matter much improved since the new men obtained the services of the men from the Kilkee side, but no information is obtainable as to the conditions of their employment through the town at dinner time, and they were watched by the police, and when they returned in the evening they were escorted.

## Clare County Council Arbitration

At a special meeting of the Council held at Ennis yesterday, Mr. Dan O'Connell (chairman), presiding,

Mr. J. J. Daly, solr., LL.D., gave notice of motion standing in the Council being of opinion that the deplorable strike of employees of the West Clare Companies had caused a loss to the entire community, and the Railway Company had submitted to impartial arbitration to end the present strike. The Council respectfully requested Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Lord Bishop of Tuam, Very Rev. Canon McEvoy, Very Rev. Canon Frawley, and Rev. Patrick Glynn, P.P., Clonsilla, to act as arbitrators in said dispute. That the directors of the Railway Companies and the representatives of the employees on strike should meet the arbitrators to a meeting to discuss the matters in dispute.

Mr. Linnane seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

An inquest was held at Ennis yesterday on the body of the light-weight jockey, who had been killed at the Oaks. The evidence showed that he had had a severe illness through which he had suffered from alcohol.

In accordance with the resolutions of the Cardiff Conference of delegates, the workmen of the railway on Saturday tendered notices of resignation at the end of the month, and they are arrived at respecting the