

y. Deceased, who has a monument erected from Bishop Babington, Diocesan before the siege.

ERNEST'S OFFER.—Among the matters for consideration at the Council meeting next is the recommendation of the Free Committee that a sum of £2,500 be borrowed for the purpose of complying with Mr. Ernest's offer to provide, on certain conditions, £7,000 for the erection of a new Free School building in the city.

IRISH LANGUAGE MOVEMENT.—The Irish Language Movement is being taken up with the same enthusiasm in Kilrush, and the classes are generally strong. The great factor in favour of the movement is that a big proportion of the students had a speaking knowledge of the old language and have long desired the opportunity of reading and writing branches.

CONVENTIONAL CURATE.—The Rev. R. J. O'Connell, one of the curates of High Wycombe, on Thursday attracted considerable attention among the parishioners by doffing his coat and improving the appearance of the road. Through his exertions it has been removed from its former unattractive state, and is now adorned with ornamental flower beds, etc. After the service, Mr. Oakley walked along the street in his sleeves, with his coat over his arm, to the amusement of the people.

OF REV. JOHN KNOX LESLIE.—The Rev. John Leslie, of Cookstown, has passed away in his 70th year. He was a native of Scotland, was educated in the Belfast Academy, and was the son-in-law of the late Rev. James Bryce, M.P., uncle of the Right Hon. James Bryce, M.P., and was licensed to preach in 1832. After three years of mission work in the South and West of Ireland he was settled in 1835 in his native town, and remained there to the time of his death. Mr. Leslie was the oldest minister in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and was therefore "the father of the assembly."

THE RACES.—The preparations for Friday's annual scratch races in connection with the non-Rowing Club, show that the function of the very best yet held. The ladies are giving heart and soul on behalf of the good cause, and the response in gifts which they are getting is very large. Sale of tickets is already large, and the sport is being put forth so that all who go to the races may have a really enjoyable time. The shilling spent will be doubly repaid. It will obtain full value, and help to support the institution.—Barrington's.

OF CAPTAIN SPENCER VANSITTART.—We notice in our obituary column the announcement of the death of Captain Spencer Vansittart, son of the late Rev. William Vansittart, rector of White Waltham, Berks, which occurred at his residence Coolbaun, Castleconnell, on the 18th instant. Captain Vansittart, attained the ripe age of 79 years, and was pretty constantly at Castleconnell, and it is needless to say, his fine, commanding presence was well known to the people of that locality who held him in the highest respect and esteem. The deceased gentleman was a most accomplished angler in his day, and up to some extent was a frequent attendant at the meetings of the Limerick Fishery Board. He was announced to leave at one o'clock on Monday next for Castleconnell station.

thing signed was "an correct, or, as he spelt it, "Ori Korrrect."

"Hard Lines" is common at the billiard tables, and is well understood to mean a misfortune. It is freely used in this sense when men come "down in the world." They have hard lines.

"All up with them" is equivalent to all over, finished. Originally it meant a banter or misfortune. When goods were pawned they were "all up" the spout—the lift by which the pawnbroker conveys goods to his upper rooms.

"Good old buffer" is slang, but it is generally taken as an admissible expression of good will, "buffer" being derived from the old word Buff, signifying stroke.

Who would imagine that when a Papal "bull" is spoken of, slang is indulged in? But so it is, in the sense that all abbreviations are slang. Bull is a shortening of bulletin—a despatch or proclamation—and gets its name from the *bullo*, or seal formerly attached to official documents.

"Caucus," again, is pure slang, though everybody accepts it as meaning a conclave of persons meeting (secretly) for any particular purpose. It is merely an abbreviation of the American expression "chalk us down."

"Cicerone," now accepted to mean guide, is slang and satire in one. It means one who describes magniloquently,—after Cicero.

"Pluck a crow," has a double meaning, but is now good English in the sense of "make a complaint." It arose during the time of Henry VIII. when the monasteries were plundered, and the clergy (whose black clothes are here referred to) were plucked, or robbed.

In the course of a recent case Mr. Justice Ridley was puzzled to know the definition of the word "mug." On Thursday his lordship met with another poser, in the shape of "juggins," which was used in his court. What, he asked, was a juggins? The witness under examination defined a juggins as a stupid fool, which is not consolatory to the great and respectable families who may happen to bear the not uncommon name.

Here we must stop till another opportunity offers to resume this interesting subject.

CORIQUE.

SAD OCCURRENCE IN NEW STREET.

We much regret to announce the death of Mrs. Leslie, New street, which occurred this morning under sad circumstances. The deceased lady, who had attained the age of 56 years, had been in delicate health for a considerable time past, and was under doctors' care. This morning she got up for the purpose of taking a drink and went outside to the water barrel. Evidently she was overcome by weakness, and she fell in a fainting condition over the barrel, which happened to be full of water. When discovered by her family the deceased had expired. The late Mrs. Leslie was of a quiet and amiable disposition, and was held in high esteem by all who had enjoyed her acquaintance. The greatest sympathy is felt for her respected husband and family in their great sorrow.

KILMIHILL CATTLE FAIR.—The tone of the cattle fair held at Kilmihill on Monday was slightly on the up grade as regards prices, but business was not as brisk as might be expected. Purchasers were influenced against large transactions, through the backward state of vegetation which is having a most deteriorating effect on stock. An improvement, however, is looked forward to by the agricultural classes in this respect in consequence of the moisture of the past few days.

No. 2—Proposed by Herbert Sullivan, J.P., and seconded by P. O'Shaughnessy, and passed unanimously:—"We hereby pledge ourselves not to give in future in any town or village in our jurisdiction a new license, nor to extend existing beer or spirit licenses to full publican's licenses, until three existing licenses have lapsed."

No. 3—Proposed by J. Hogan, J.P., seconded by R. Copen-Langford, J.P., and passed unanimously:—"That we pledge ourselves to inflict in future the heaviest penalties allowed by law on publicans convicted of breaches of the Licensing Laws, especially the Sunday Closing ones, and when cases arise will vote for the cancelling of their licenses."

OUTSIDE OPINIONS.

LORD MONTEAGLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR—Kindly allow me to correct a report which I am informed has obtained currency in the Press, that I am leaving the country.

It is true that my health and the pressure of public business has necessitated my retirement from the County Council, but I have no intention of leaving home or of ceasing to devote myself to public work.

Yours faithfully,

MONTEAGLE.

19th May, 1902.

SUNDAY SPORTS.

Limerick Amateur Athletic and Bicycle Club
Limerick, 20th May, 1902.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR—The Committee of this Club have requested me to state through the medium of your valuable paper that they have no connection whatever with the sports fixed for Sunday 25th inst.

Yours faithfully,

E. G. STOKES, Hon Sec.

QUICK TRAVELLING?

Eveleen,

Limerick, 20th May, 1901.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—The train which left Killaloe last evening (Whit-Monday) at 8.21 p.m. did not reach the platform at Limerick until 10.55 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

J. S. GAFFNEY.

THE ROYAL STURGEON.

SENT TO THE KING.

The Royal Sturgeon which was captured in the Shannon on Thursday evening by fishermen Sullivan, Farrell, and Tyrrell, was despatched to His Majesty the King of England on Saturday. The fish was carefully packed up, and enveloped in preservatives and accompanying the package was letter couched in graceful terms, and signed by the fishermen requesting the King to accept the present. No doubt the fishermen will soon receive an acknowledgment.

DISAPPEARANCE OF A GLIN BOY.

An inmate of the Glin District Schools named Waters has just absconded mysteriously from the school, taking with him two suits of clothes. All efforts up to this evening have failed to trace him.