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SAVINGS' BANKS.

(From the Times.)

This subject has lately come before the public in a very remarkable manner. The losses sustained by the failure of the Irish savings banks have been again urged in the house, and a committee of inquiry has been carried against ministers...

THE FRENCH REPUBLIC. THE ENGLISH IN PARIS.

The soirees given to the English party at the Hotel des Princes, on Tuesday night, went off admirably. About 400 persons were present. Many of the French were in the uniform of the National Guard.

CONVICTION OF THE "HON. C. BENTINCK."

BALLINASLOE QUARTER SESSIONS. A prisoner assuming this imposing name, with whose exploits some time since, as a clever and accomplished swindler, the people of Dublin and other places were made acquainted...

CLERKS OF PETTY SESSIONS.

A very numerous and respectable meeting of the above body was held at the Star and Garter Hotel on the 11th instant, to adopt measures towards relieving themselves from the many grievances under which they have laboured for some years.

AMERICA—LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP.

Two letters from New York reached us, which give a deplorable description of many thousands of those unfortunate people who sailed for New York during the winter months.

ATTEMPT TO MURDER A FATHER BY HIS SON.

Rotherham, Tuesday.—The town of Rotherham has been thrown into a state of intense excitement by a report that Mr. John Bland, the superintendent constable of Rotherham, and high constable of that district of the West Riding, had been assassinated by his son.

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THE JEWISH SABBATH.

The services of Captain Haines, R.N., Poor Law Inspector of Tipperary, have been dispensed with by the Commissioners.

REPRESENTATION OF THE COUNTY OF DOWN.

Lord Edwin Hill, in a letter to the Newry Telegraph, contradicts the report of his intending to retire from the representation of the county of Down.

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News have arrived that the Austrian troops which had taken refuge in Wallachia were ordered by the Turkish authorities to be disarmed.

MOLDAVIA AND WALLACHIA.

The Russian general, Mouravieff, has arrived in the principality with an army of 24,000 men, and another Russian general has advanced upon Ibraila, and has commenced building barracks for the troops in the environs of that city.

DRAINAGE (IRELAND).

A return published by order of the House of Commons, on the motion of Col. Dunne, M.P., shows that the quantity of land in Ireland originally estimated to be improved by drainage works amounts to 302,840 acres.

NARROW ESCAPE OF LORD GOUGH.

Lord Gough very narrowly escaped being taken a prisoner at the battle of Chillianwallah. A letter from an officer on his lordship's staff, says—"The old chief and the whole of us were completely exposed to the Ghorchurras, who came within 50 yards of us, but in consequence of the jungle, were not aware of the prize within their reach; and two guns happening to come up at the moment, God knows how or why, the horsemen were driven back by the first discharge. Had not this providentially occurred, we should have been 'gone coons,' as nothing, I am sure, would have persuaded Lord Gough to 'budge an inch.'" (Bombay Telegraph.)

THE EARL OF RÖDEN.

The Earl of Røden was chairman of the Irish Society's annual meeting at the Kings Head, Newry, yesterday, when Major Crawford read the report of the congregations of converts attending the Established Church in Kerry, Cork, Galway, Mayo, and Roscommon.

POTATO PLANTING.

Notwithstanding all that has been said of the advantages of autumn or early spring planting of the potato, it will be found that 99 cases out of 100 the main crop are still out of the ground, or have only recently begun set.

A BAKED APPLE PUDDING.

Butter a piece and line it with crumbs of bread, then place a layer of apple (cut as for pie) in the bottom of the dish, sprinkle it with moist sugar, then a layer of crumbs, and so on alternately till the dish is filled, ending them with a thick layer of crumbs; pour melted butter over it, and bake it for an hour.

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

For the purification of the air, every housekeeper is recommended to mix one pound of chloride of lime in ten gallons of water, and pour a quart of it daily down the sink.

THE QUARTERMASTER SERJEANT OF THE 61st.

The Quartermaster Serjeant of the 61st is promoted to an Ensigncy.

PRIVATE JOHN RUDDELL.

Private John RuddeLL, 40th, servant to Lieut. and Adj. Drew, shot himself at Richmond Barracks, Dublin, while in a state of despondency after a quarrel.

EREBUS, THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST.

Erebos, the American Socialist, has been ordered to quit France, by the Minister of the Interior.

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CORK COUNTY RECORD COURT.

INSURANCE CASE.
Mr. Brereton opened the pleadings in the case above mentioned. It was an action of assumption of duty by Mr. James Brien, an administrator of James Nagle, against Mr. Peter Morrison, the director of the Britannia Life Assurance Company, to recover £200 due on foot of a policy of insurance effected by the said Nagle with the company. The defendant pleaded the general issue.

Mr. Sergeant O'Brien stated the case. The present plaintiff was son-in-law of the deceased Nagle, and was himself beneficially interested in the policy. Early in the year 1846, a short time after the policy was effected by Nagle, the latter assigned it over to the plaintiff, as the only marriage portion he could give him with his daughter. Previous to effecting this policy, Nagle underwent a cross-examination by the physician of the company. He believed that when he mentioned the name of Dr. Galwey, Malloy, the medical referee of the company, they would be satisfied that all that science, skill, and integrity could do was done by this gentleman before he concluded that Nagle was an insurable life. There were certain medical questions put to the medical referee of the company in reference to a party proposing to take a policy, and in relation to replies given to those inquiries, the company accepted or rejected the insurance. Those questions were very minute and comprehensive; among them were—'Whether the sub-clavial regions were well developed'—(laughter)—'if they expanded by inspiration?'

Court—What's that about inspiration?—(laughter).
Mr. Sergeant O'Brien replied that what followed might explain—'Or equally redolent of perspiration' (great laughter). They also inquired 'If the pulsations of the heart were normal, and the sounds distinct, and whether the pulsations of the neck and wrist were normal?' (laughter). Again, they inquired 'If the bowels were fairly developed?'

Court—Are these inquiries really in what you are reading?
Sergeant O'Brien replied that they were. The company also inquired as to the condition of the extremities, whether 'there was any trace of scurvy, or of exposure to cold' (continued laughter). The company, not satisfied with the previous inquiries, added, and, 'any other complaint not above specified?' (roars of laughter). The jury would be rather surprised to hear that Dr. Galwey contented himself with this general answer—'I have carefully examined James Nagle, and am of opinion that the state of his health and constitution are perfectly good, and is an eligible life for insurance.' Dr. Barry, the usual medical attendant of Nagle, was referred to, and he also gave a favourable report to the company. The proposal was finally accepted, and the insurance completed.

Counsel having entered into further particulars of the case, called some witnesses.

Dr. Galwey, in the course of his cross-examination by Mr. Butt, said, acute bronchitis might carry a man off suddenly; it might be caught from a cold draught.

Court—Don't you think this court-house a good nursery for such a disease? (great laughter).
The witness replied that there seemed to be a thorough air in the building—(continued laughter).

To Mr. Butt—Understood from Nagle that he was a teetotaler. A disorder of the heart might admit of deception if functional. The word disorder differs from disease. Would explain the word 'disorder' by comparing it to the decayed works of a watch that might be set in order by oiling—if broken they would illustrate 'disease.'

Mr. Butt—If a person was subject to palpitation of the heart, would he be an insurable life? Witness—He would. All young ladies are subject to palpitation of the heart (laughter).

Mr. Butt—There are such occasions (a laugh).
Court—Oh, are you going into details here? (continued laughter).

The case not having concluded on Friday, was adjourned till the next day, when other witnesses were called for the plaintiff.

Mr. Butt then opened the case for the defendant, and called some witnesses, and the following amusing scene took place during the cross-examination of one of them, Mr. Wm. B. Williams, shopkeeper in Malloy.

Cross-examined by Mr. Clarke—Has some little experience in the way of drinking and jollity (a laugh).

Counsel—How do you manage on such occasions?
Witness—I'll tell you, then. I send down to Mrs. Stock's for a bottle of whiskey, drink it all myself, and go to bed quietly (great laughter).

Counsel—Mallow must be a desperate place for drinking?
Witness—There was a gentleman there, Mr. Maurice O'Connell, and myself, and he would not think much of four mugs of a day—(immense laughter).

Counsel—That must help to kill you?
Witness—Not at all. My grandfather lived to be 95 years, and he would take a quart of rum (roars of laughter)—and my father would take a good drink, and he lived to be 85.

Court—Then you are of opinion that hard drinking helps to prolong life?
Witness—All I can say, my lord, that there is an old saying that 'the best drink the world saw, is whiskey mixed with Mallow spa' (shouts of laughter, in which his lordship joined).

To Mr. Clarke—I effected a policy on my life. Was asked by Doctor Galwey if I was a sober and temperate man, and I replied that I drank plenty (great laughter). Dr. Galwey would not certify for me. I then went to Sir James Pittacorn, in Cork. Told him about my habits, and that I would take a good drink (a laugh). Sir James asked what a good drink was (laughter). I said 'enough' (continued laughter). He then certified for me, and I insured my life in the Eagle Office in Cork.

Mr. Clarke—Why, man, your policy is vitiated (a laugh).
Witness—Not at all, 'tis good, and please God I'll see it out with me (laughter).

Mr. Clarke—Tell me now how many tumblers could you bear, and walk home steadily?
Witness—(after a brief deliberation)—I think I would bear 14; (laughter throughout the whole court.)

Mr. Clarke—Mr. Longfield, who lives in the neighbourhood of Malloy, wants to know how long you are drinking in this way?
Witness—I believe I may say from 13 years of age I took a drop (great laughter).

Court—How old are you, my lord?
Witness—Turned 51 years, my lord.

To Mr. Clarke—Thinks Wm. Nagle a greater schemer than James Nagle. Knows it well for the express purpose of scheming on the company that Wm. Nagle got up this policy.

Counsel—Do you recollect the last Malloy election?
Witness—I do.

Counsel—I believe you were pretty hearty while it lasted?
Witness—(turning to his seat)—I voted whatever way I liked—don't care a pin about the blackguards (great laughter).

As witness was leaving the table, Mr. Butt asked—How much punch will you content yourself with to-night?
Witness—(with great solemnity, and after a considerable pause)—I'm still on my oath, and I wouldn't like to commit myself (roars of laughter throughout the entire court.)

At the conclusion of this witness's examination, the case was adjourned till Monday. On that day, during the examination of the first witness, Mr. Clarke rose, and said that the plaintiffs had come to the conclusion to consent to a verdict for the defendants, relying on the company's taking the case of their client into their consideration. His Lordship said the company were fully warranted in requiring a public investigation into the entire circumstances of the case.

His Lordship said the company were fully warranted in requiring a public investigation into the entire circumstances of the case. The issue was then sent to the jury, who handed down a verdict for the defendants, with 6d costs. Counsel for the plaintiff—Mr. Sergeant O'Brien, Messrs. Longfield and Clarke. Agent—Mr. Farmer. Counsel for the defendants—Messrs. Isaac Butt, Q.C., J. D. Fitzgerald, Q.C., the Recorder, and Mr. R. J. Berkeley. Agents—Messrs. Foots and Fitzimons.

PRICE OF IRISH STOCKS.

Table with 3 columns: Stock Name, Price, and Date. Includes items like 3 per Cent. Govt., 4 per Cent. Govt., 3 per Cent. Debentures, etc.

ENGLISH STOCKS.

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The Mail.

WATERFORD, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18.

FREE TRADE.

Notwithstanding the efforts of the Times to extract some crumbs of consolation out of the results of the Quarter's Revenue, the attempt has proved a miserable failure—a species of lucus, a non lucendo argument—and exhibits the fatal operation of free trade on the financial accounts. In the Excise there is a remarkable decrease, as also in the Customs; and if we turn our eyes to the Income and Property Tax, we there find a diminution of £142,125—which shows an actual diminution of income of over £4,000,000, and of assumed capital to about £100,000,000. This is according to the Times' own showing, and certainly displays anything but cause of congratulation. If such be the effects of free trade on the past quarter, what may we expect as the results of that which is now running on. The Mark Lane Express gives ample details of the pernicious effects of the Cobden principle, endorsed by Sir Robert Peel, and pointedly animadverts on its ruinous tendency. That journal presents copious tables, showing the immense increase of foreign produce since the removal of the duties. Our space prevents our insertion of the figures given; we, however, present the following summary of them from a contemporary:—

"For the quarter ending March 25, 1848, the amount of wheat imported into London from England, Scotland, and Ireland, was 65,481 qrs.—while of foreign wheat the amount was 110,704 qrs. On the corresponding quarter of this year, (1849) the quantity of wheat, English, Scotch, and Irish, amounted to 31,220 qrs.—while within the same quarter the foreign importations were 31,212 qrs., leaving an excess upon the past quarter of foreign imported wheat of 202,108 qrs. when compared with the importations of the corresponding quarter of the past year!! or about SEVEN TIMES the total amount imported into London of British, Scotch, and Irish grown wheat!"

"Of barley the amount imported for the quarter ending March 25, 1848, was 104,655 qrs.—the amount for the past quarter (1849), was 185,560—showing an increase in the foreign importations in barley alone of 80,905 qrs., while only 55,343 qrs. of British, Irish, and Scotch, grown barley were imported within the same time."

"Of oats, for the quarter ending March, 1848 199,409 qrs. foreign oats were imported into London—for the corresponding quarter of this year the amount is 291,124 qrs.—showing a bona fide increase of 91,715 qrs. The reader will perceive from these statistics that while the farmers of Great Britain imported 118,347 qrs. of oats the foreign growers have supplied 291,124 qrs."

Flour, continental as well as American, is also pouring into the country in a similar ratio; other provisions, upon the raising of which the English and Irish farmers had expended their capital, are superseding our home produce at a rate which bids fair speedily, if some protective measures be not adopted, to shut us completely out of the market.

We shall here conclude, for the present, by the insertion of the following letter from the Cork Constitution, received by Lord Bernard:—

"DEAR LORD BERNARD—The state of the farmers is most woful. They take their cattle from fair to fair, with the same unfortunate want of success. I saw myself yesterday a nice little new milch cow that was bought at Ballydubh fair for £2 3s. At the same fair a poor man who brought his cow to the fair to sell was seen in the morning actually endeavouring to obtain nourishment by sucking some hay, and after standing all day waiting to purchase food by selling his cow, and no one having even asked her price, he was found towards evening sinking rapidly, and eventually—literally dying of hunger. The state of the poor creatures whom I met dragging their weary limbs home from the fair, having been unable to sell at any price, was indeed melancholy. I am myself brought to the lowest state, and I have some nice cattle, but I cannot get any one to buy, unless I give them to some one who cannot pay me at present. I sold a very nice young horse last week for half his value to a gentleman in the neighbourhood, whom I thought sure to pay, and after some days trying to make up the money, he wrote to me saying he could not pay me for some time. The Almighty alone can relieve us out of the state we are now in, for truly there is a fearful prospect for this country before the harvest comes in, if government do not open some source of employment for those who are ruined by paying poor rates, and can get no relief from the still having possession of the land they have sown."

The Marquis of Waterford has purchased Sir Arthur for 500 guineas, and Bracelet for 100 guineas, at the Tipperary races. The Rhadamantus, steam-transport, is ordered to be repaired at Woolwich, for three years' service.

THE SUFFERINGS OF THE CLERGY.

At the period when this country was suffering under the throes of famine—when the black flag of starvation and of death waved over the land, and the red graves of Schull and Skibbereen were shadowed by its folds, the clergy of the Protestant Church with devoted earnestness toiled night and day contributing out of their means to the wants of suffering humanity, and when those were exhausted still endeavoured to raise funds and procure aid for those who were in the grips of destitution. We here allude to this exemplary body of men with no invidious object in view.—The Freeman at the period did them justice in terms of admiration and praise, which, had it proceeded from a journal of their own religious profession, might have been deemed partial, and overcharged. We now allude to the past merely to contrast it with the present—to point to those men so forward and unwearying in their administration of relief to the suffering, in the hovel and the wayside, by the bed of misery and of pestilence; many of them bending under the pangs of privation, requiring that relief which, as far as in them lay, they prodigally bestowed, and now needing to be comforted, with that comfort wherewith they comforted others; men whose unremitting exertions and devotedness were so prominent in alleviating the dire scenes of '46 and '47, now actually dependant upon casual charity for a pittance of food and clothing, bowed down by poor rate, threatened with sequestration, and satisfying the cravings of hunger with raw turnips and cabbage stalks. Yet such is the fact. We refer to an article from the Ecclesiastical Journal on the subject, and we point to it as a case appealing to the strongest sympathies of our nature. We direct attention to the touching statements made by our contemporary, they speak, in their simple unsophisticated strain in a tone more powerful than any we could adopt.

THE RATE IN AID.

The select committee of the House of Lords have published their third report, and in it they emphatically declare on a further consideration of the subject, and fuller going into of evidence, that the proposition for relieving the present distress of large districts in Ireland by the imposition of a rate in aid is partial and inexpedient, and inadequate for the relief of the suffering population. We shall give this document in our next.

DISCHARGE OF MR. C. G. DUFFY.

We are confident that but one sentiment prevails, even amongst Mr. Duffy's political opponents, at the issue of his trial. Mr. Duffy has been discharged on bail, and this step will effect more good in the minds of many than the following up of proceedings which had lost their legitimate aspect, and would, by a perseverance in them, have assumed the hue of vindictiveness.

EMIGRATION.

Yesterday the John Francis left this port with passengers for Quebec, and this day the well-known favourite barque, the Dispatch, Captain Walsh, will also leave for the same destination.—The emigrants on both these vessels are, as usual, principally of the better class of farmers and their families, hitherto fondly attached to the soil of their fathers, till driven from it by the fear of encountering approaching and impending ruin.

PETTY SESSIONS' CLERKS.

An aggregate meeting of this body was held in Dublin on the 10th instant, on the subject of the "Summary Convictions (Ireland) Bill" now being passed, for the purpose of submitting to the government, the extra duties which that bill, if it pass, will impose upon the petty sessions' clerks of Ireland, without at the same time making provision for the payment of the clerks for the performance of those additional duties. A memorial was drawn up, embodying the substance of the grievances to be remedied addressed to the Chief Secretary, Sir William Somerville, who is confidently expected will give application to the Government on behalf of the clerks. The chair, on the occasion, was filled by Mr. Edward Costello, of Limerick, and Messrs. Reid, of Galway, and Guion, of Clonmel, acted as Secretaries. The clerks of this district were represented by Mr. Thomas F. Carroll, the intelligent and able clerk of Callaghan's petty sessions. A copy of the memorial will be found in our first page.

ON and after the 24th inst. the post office mails will be conveyed by railway train between Dublin and Cork—leaving Dublin at 7 p.m. arriving at Mallow 3 a.m., and Cork 6 a.m. Time 11 hours; distance 63 miles—Mail from Cork 6 p.m. at Dublin 5 a.m.

Cork to Waterford Post-office mail, after 24th inst. departure 6-30 a.m.; arrival 5-52 p.m.—Waterford to Cork—departure, 6-8 a.m.; arrival, 5-30 p.m. Distance, 91 miles—time 11 hours, 22 minutes.

Waterford and Limerick railway traffic for week ending Saturday week. Passengers, £167; goods and cattle, £82. Total, £249.

There is immense emigration from all the ports of Scotland this spring to America.

Three race horses were killed at the Tipperary steeple chase meeting last week.

The mastership of Newcastle workhouse is vacant by Mr. Leahy's death from cholera.

At Galway Assizes there were twenty seven indictments, thirteen replevins, 454 civil bills, and 12 crown numbers.

Peggy Connell, a pensioner's wife at Cork, cut her throat with her husband's razor.

The Limerick corporation have agreed to petition parliament for a tax of 20 per cent. on the property of Irish absentees; also to petition in favour of the rate in aid bill.

Father Mathew, who embarks the middle of next month for New York, intends to return from his temperance mission in America at the close of Autumn.

Lieut. F. L. Bennett, h.p. 13th Foot, is appointed Paymaster of the 44th.

The first division of the 75th marched on Monday from Fermoy to Cork, to embark for Calcutta.

The 5th is reported for Hong Kong, China, to relieve the 95th.

The 70th Depot, under Lieut. Addison have sailed from Cork for Chatham.

On Thursday, Dr. Jacob, of Maryborough, had a narrow escape of being murdered in Donoree, near Rathdowny, where he went to demand possession of refractory tenants, when one of them struck him a blow of a weighty stick across the forehead, wounding him severely over the eye.

OFFICERS OF HEALTH.

To the Editor of the Waterford Mail.

SIR—In your excellent report of the meeting of the Sanitary Association on the 10th instant, it appears that the chairman, Doctor T. L. Mackesy, stated it would be a judicious plan for the officers of health to report, in the first instance, all nuisances to the magistrates, and that was the "practical mode of acting." Now, Sir, I beg to differ with the Doctor—for sometimes Doctors will differ. I do not consider, if I may judge from the supineness of the magistrates hitherto, that it would be the most practicable round-about way of proceeding. Does not the Doctor know—for he is a magistrate—that the officers of health have extensive powers to practically act, in sanitary matters, as the magistrates themselves—and also that they have the same command and control over the constables, in requiring their services and aid for the removal of nuisances, as any of the justices collectively or individually. I therefore respectfully suggest to my colleagues to exercise their functions and powers without any reference to those commissioned gentlemen, save when it may be absolutely necessary. I should in fairness state that if other magistrates acted with the same energy, and used a title of Doctor Mackesy's exertions, to establish sanitary measures throughout the city, officers of health would have, comparatively speaking, little to do. I intended to make a few observations on the neglect of the street—or rather donkey, committee, of the corporation, but being just now pressed for time, I shall probably return to the subject. Yours, &c., AN OFFICER OF HEALTH. Waterford, 16th April, 1849.

EMIGRATION—WORKHOUSE ORPHANS.

A novel exportation of young women took place yesterday morning from the Workhouse and the two auxiliary houses on Hennessy's road and in John-street, in this city. Twenty-six young, healthy, and remarkably good-looking girls, from fourteen to eighteen years both inclusive—whose parents are dead—left this city on yesterday morning on Bianconi's cars, each drawn by four horses, for Bagnalstown, where they are to take the railway train for Dublin.—These girls were comfortably—nay, most respectably clad, and were under the care of Mr. Maurice Walsh, the superintendent of the auxiliary workhouse in Michael-street, who will accompany them to Plymouth, whence they are to sail for Devonshire, for the purpose of being placed at the expense of the government. They will be accompanied by upwards of two hundred and fifty girls of a similar class and age from various other unions, under the care of steady experienced matrons; and on their arrival in that far distant but beautiful country, will be well provided for by the government, for the purpose. The majority of those who left Waterford can read and write, and are capable of performing all kinds of plain and ornamental work, and are in other respects well fitted to become good servants and housewives, as no doubt many of them will be looked for with avidity to fill those respects by Devonshire, for the purpose. The girls with the several female officers who have well qualified them to get through the world with credit to themselves, was truly affecting. They are each supplied with a trunk and six changes of every article of wearing apparel. From the manner in which the Vice-Governor has acted, for the purpose of these poor women, amply and respectfully provided in every respect, they well merited the blessings loudly and heartily expressed by those grateful orphans.—We doubt if so respectable a collection of emigrants, of a similar character, has left any other union in Ireland.

PETTY SESSIONS—FRIDAY.

Magistrates present—The Mayor, Thomas Meagher, Esq., M. P., and Joseph Tabuteau, Esq., R. M.

EXCISE PROSECUTIONS.

At the prosecution of John Seale, Supervisor of Excise, and James Keefe, of Manor-street, and Patrick Keefe, of Manor-street, were fined in mitigated penalties of £12 10s. for selling beer without being duly licensed. In these cases the prosecutor and another excise officer, named Joseph Magrath, purchased a glass of beer each, and thus caught the unwary ex-publicans, both of whom were subsequently being licensed publicans up to last October.

SALVAGE ACT.

The first prosecution under this act, for purchasing old rope or junk, without license, and for not having the dealer's name painted in six-inch letters over the door, took place this day. The penalty for non-compliance with the provisions of the act is £20, or, in default of payment, six months' imprisonment. Mary Hennessy, of Green's-lane, Ballybricken, who purchased rope which had been stolen from a woman named Ellen Madden, was convicted and fined in the mitigated penalty of 1s and costs, in consideration of her ignorance of the law. In future the magistrates are determined to be more stringent in strictly enforcing an obedience to this very useful act of parliament. It should be known by all persons who deal in such articles or other marine stores, that old rope cannot be broken up for the purpose of converting it into oakum, till the dealer obtain a license in writing to do so from a magistrate. This is the same act it is expected will in a great degree put a check to the numerous petty plunderers committed on the ships in the river—for "without receivers we would have no thieves."

DANGEROUS NUISANCE.

Catherine Berry, of Patrick-street, was fined 6d and costs, for having "a dog making a log," which has an ugly habit of making an indelible impression on the skins of her Majesty's subjects, as they went their weary way up the constitutional hill, leading to the garryoven of Waterford. We hope the police will be on the look out for some more of the snarling curs that infest our streets, and mulct the owners—according to law—for keeping such useless and often dangerous nuisances.

POLICE OFFICE.

On Friday last several filthy nuisance cases were decided before the Mayor and Magistrates, and some of the parties fined. Others were let off promising to have the nuisances removed.

NEW CHURCH AT TRAMORE.

The Rev. Edward Dalton gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following contributions towards the new church at Tramore:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Thomas Prys, Esq., M.D., £1 0 0; George B. Hart, Esq., 5 0 0; Miss Jane Hassard, 1 0 0; Captain Clifford, R.N., 1 0 0; G. H. J., 1 0 0; Mrs. Hawes, Colchester, 1 0 0; W. Digges la Touche, Esq., 1 0 0; John Bateman, Esq., 1 0 0; Rev. J. F. Parker, 1 0 0; Mrs. J. H. M., 5 0 0; W. Nason, Esq., 1 0 0.

The volunteers from the 66th depot, at Tralee, left on Saturday for Chatham, to join the 29th, on active service in the Punjab.

EASTER VESTRIES.

ST. PATRICK'S.

At twelve o'clock on Monday last, an adjourned vestry was held at St. Patrick's Church, the Ven. the Archdeacon, incumbent of the parish, presided. After the notice of adjournment was read, Mr. H. Whitney, ex-Church Warden, produced two petitions, one to be presented to the House of Lords and the other to the House of Commons.

Mr. J. P. Heney read the petitions, which prayed, respectively for the introduction of a Health of Towns Bill, and a bill for the prevention of intramural interments—also, a bill for the registration of births, deaths, and marriages for Ireland.

The Archdeacon said he should do everything in his power to prevent the crowding of churchyards within the city.

Mr. T. Murphy moved, and Mr. Whitney seconded the adoption of the petitions.

The motion was put from the chair and passed unanimously.

It was then moved that the petition to the House of Lords be presented by Earl Fortescue, and that the Bishop of Cashel be requested to support its prayer—and that the petition to the House of Commons be presented by T. Meagher, Esq., M. P., and that the other city member and county members be requested to support its prayer.

The motion having been unanimously carried, the meeting separated.

TRINITY WITHIN.

At one o'clock on the same day an adjourned vestry was held at the Cathedral Church, at which the Very Rev. Dean Lee, aided by the Rev. Abram Sargent, presided.

Doctor Mackesy read a letter entrusted to him by Mr. Dobbey, one of the Church Wardens of Trinity Within, who had received from the Board of Health, in reply to a memorial forwarded to that body, requesting they would issue an order to prevent intramural interments. They stated they had no power to prevent interment in grave-yards hitherto in use within the walls of a town—thence they had sent a copy of the memorial to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Chief Secretary, Sir William Somerville, who, no doubt, would bring the subject before the proper tribunal. The letter of the Board of Health was signed by the secretary, W. S. Hopper. In the early part of the session he, Dr. Mackesy, had addressed Sir William Somerville, who said it was the intention of government to introduce a bill on the subject of his communication. A bill similar in its import was passed for England, and the present petition would be a spur to hurry on the government to get one passed for Ireland.

It was then moved by Dr. Mackesy that petitions exactly similar to those adopted by the St. Patrick's vestry, be received and adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

It was resolved that the petition to the House of Lords be presented by the Bishop of Cashel, supported by Lord Fortescue and Cress, and that to the House of Commons by Mr. Meagher, supported by Sir H. W. Barron and the county members.

SANATORY COMMITTEE.

On Monday a meeting of this committee was held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, at which were present, Dean Lee, the Revs. Messrs. Abram Sargent, Alexander Alcock, W. M'Canee, M. Flinn; Henry Galwey, John Lalor, Edward Williams, and Aldermen Phelan and Slaney.

At two o'clock the Very Rev. the Dean was called to the chair, and Mr. R. A. Carleton, Hon. Secretary.

The Secretary read the resolution calling the meeting, in pursuance of the requisition adopted by the Sanitary Association, to wait on the inhabitants in order to collect views to carry out the sanitary objects contemplated. At present they had to consider what steps they should take to carry the objects of the resolution into effect.

The Rev. Mr. Alcock said that they would not require much money, and he was of opinion they could not at present get much—he thought it would be better if there should be a standard for the contributions, say £1 2s. 6d. maximum.

The Rev. Mr. M'Canee said there had been a sum of £20 placed at the disposal of the sub-committee for the purposes of whitewashing the houses of the poor, and supplying them with straw beds. Mr. Williams, who was a very active member of it, said there was no straw to be obtained. The committee had got 150 rooms washed in the brewery walk, Revell's-lane, Jenkin's-lane, Kneefe's-lane, New-street, Little Chapel-lane, &c. The object of the present meeting was in view to raise funds for those purposes.

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