Buchanan, and Bernard M'Goey. The Deputy Clerk of the Crown called over the entire panel amounting to, we suppose, about two hundred. The attendance was very good, not more than twenty not answering. After four challenges on the part of the prisoners, and none on the part of the Crown, a jury was sworn.

Mr. Scholes, Q.C., briefly stated the case.

William Bergin was sworn and examined by Counsellor Smyly—Henry Bergin was my brother; he is dead now; Lineen is the name of the place I live at; was in Longford on 1st of November last; my brother Henry was with me; was in Geoffry Farrell's public house; and my brother Henry was in Geoffry Farrell's on that day; we stayed there about fifteen minutes, my brother John and his wife were with me too; John M'Dermott was also with me: we took a noggin of punch.

To Mr. Smyly—John Buchanan came into the house (identifies him); did not see M'Goey there; nothing passed between us; only spoke to each other; there was a noggin of punch; offered some of it to John Hatton; he was one of the persons that came in with John Buchanan; Hatton did not take the punch; he said he would not take it from me; John Buchanan and his friends stopped in the house after we went; all our party left the house together; it was about a quarter of three o'clock; it was daylight then; knows a place called Gowlan; it is not my usual road home; went round with John M'Dermott; Gowlan is at the Longford side of Killashee; it is about three miles from Longford; when we came to Gowlan I was on first; and Henry, my brother, and John M'Dermott was with us.

To Mr. Smyly—John and his wife Margery were behind us; the first thing I observed was two men coming up; one of them struck my brother John with a loy handle; saw him strike; Bernard M'Goey is the person; the other man was John Buchanan; he struck me with some kind of a stick on the head; John Buchanan ran at my brother Henry, and knocked him down; it was on the side of the head he hit him; cannot say on which side it was; there were two more coming up this time; they were coming up from Longford; I saw them, and knew them; they were some of the party I saw in Farrell's public-house; those two men struck myself; cannot say they struck my brother Henry; John Buchanan gave the first blow.

To Mr. Smyly—Henry fell; I could not go to help him, for they all fell at me, to beat me; they all ran off after they beat us.

To the Court—The blow John Buchanan gave to my brother killed him.

To Mr. Smyly—He never got up; he remained on the ground; he lived until the next morning, but he never spoke a word; there was daylight at that time; could see; before I was struck there was light enough to see; we brought our brother Henry on a car to our aunt's in Killashee; there was no doctor brought to him until next morning; Dr. Hyde is the man that attended him; knew John Buchanan before; was very well acquainted with him; Bernard M'Goey was not in Farrell's on that night; he passed me on the road on the evening I was coming from Longford; it was about a mile from Longford; he went on before me and I did not see him turning back; he was running as hard as he could; saw him go on before me.

Several other witnesses having been examined the case for the Crown closed.

DEFENCE.

Ambrose Moffatt sworn, and examined by Mr. Feebles—Lives near Killashee; remembers the 1st of November last; was in this town on that day; saw John Buchanan in Farrell's, about the hour of six o.clock.

Cross-examined by Counsellor Smyly—Buchanan was about half an hour in the house when I came in; saw him during the day; he was neither in or out of Farrell's, he was standing at the door when I saw him; knows Gowlan, that is my way home; and I passed by it; at the time I saw Buchanan, the house was thronged with people; I could not say there was any person with him; I could name several people that were beside him; I saw Philip Farrell in the evening; I did not see him in the house, but I passed him on the road; I did not know Francis Costello; knows a person of the name of Develin, but did not see him there; it was six o'clock when I left the house, and I was not in it at seven; no one told me to say six o'clock; I do not know a person of the name of M'Goey.

His Lordship then charged the jury, who retired to their room for about an hour, and came into court with a verdict of guilty, against both prisoners.

His Lordship having disposed of a few remaining trivial cases on the calendar, ordered Peter, John, and Joseph Flanagan, brothers, George Lennon, their brother-in-law, and Ml. M'Grath, to be put forward, found guilty of the assault on the Houlons, at Ballymahon. They appeared to be respectable and comfortable young men. His Lordship, after giving them a long address on the enormity of their crime and the weapons used on the occasion, sentenced them to seven years' transportation each, and although the assault was so bad a one, still the sentence was severer than was generally anticipated.

On their removal, John Buchanan and Bernard M'Goey, found guilty of the murder of Henry Bergin, were put forward, and the utmost stillness prevailed a very protracted court. The Clerk of the Crown, in the usual manner asked the prisoners what they had to say why sentence of death and execution should not be passed on them. Both of them knelt down in the front of the dock, and Buchanan, who appeared to speak for both of them, said, "In the sight of God, this Court, and the Jury, I protest I had not hand, act, or part in the murder of Henry Bergin, and may I never see God, or his angels in heaven, if I murdered him. I forgive my prosecutors, judge and jury." He then entered into an explanation of how he was occupied in Longford the day of the murder, and closed with an imprecation which shocked and made the hair of every person in the court stand of an end, that —"Hell may be my doom, and the Devil my angel, if I murdered you, Henry Bergin.

After this he rose, and the Judge in a most feeling manner, in which he said there was no person who had heard the evidence could doubt the justness of the verdict, calling on them both to repent, and saying he could hold out no hope of clemency to them, sentenced them to be hanged. The day named is Saturday, the 21st of March.—*Longford Journal.*

CLARE ASSIZES.

At the sitting of the Court, after the names of the Jury were called over, the case of O'Donnell against Donovan was resumed. Mr. Michael O'Donnell sworn—Is brother to the plaintiff and Assistant in his shop, knew goods to be conveyed there in November 1844, to the defendant's dispensary; cannot tell their value; had a conversation with him in 1845, when he desired Mr. Studdert the Treasurer to pay the plaintiff the amount of the County subscription except £9 or £12.

Mr. Patrick MacMahon, sworn—Was present at a conversation between Mr. Richard O'Donnell and Mr Jeremiah Donovan—It was relative to their respective brothers when it was agreed that the amount of the ensuing presentment should be paid to plaintiff conditionally that he should supply the dispensary with Medicine.

To Mr. Fitzgerald, was a subscriber to the dispensary and voted for election of Doctor Donovan in June, 1844.

Mr. Freeman applied to his Lordship for a nonsuit in as much as it was not proved that a single shilling had been paid for the medicines, here was no count in the declaration to meet the exigencies. There was no special assumpsit, which was indispensible.

Mr. Freeman stated the Defendant's case, and contended that whatever medicines were supplied were paid for, and that they were at all events given for the benefit of the Coorsclare Dispensary, and not sold to Doctor Donovan.

Mr. Robert Cox, sworn—Was father-in-law to the late Doctor O'Donnell. Is aware that Doctor Donovan paid £11 to Mr. Leckey in June 1845, for medicines supplied. Some of these were supplied in the lifetime of Doctor O'Donnell.

Mr. Molesworth spoke to evidence for the plaintiff when the learned Judge charged the Jury who retired for a few moments and returned with a verdict for the defendant and 6d costs.

Mahon v. Kelly and Shannon.

The following jury was then sworn:—

Wyndham J. Patterson,	Joseph James,
Fitzgerald,	Marcus Keane,
John Augustine Ivers,	William Bently,
Thomas Hewitt,	Hewitt Bridgeman,
John Blood,	Francis Healy and
Thomas Morony,	Daniel O'Grady.

Mr. Bennett opened the pleadings.

Mr. Freeman stated the case. It appeared that the property in question was the estate of the late Charles Mahon, Esq. In the year 1794 he made a lease of it to Wm. O'Dwyer, John Kelly, and James Shannon, for the lives of Charles O'Dwyer second son of the lessee, Patrick Shannon, fourth son of the lessee, and John Kelly, eldest son of the lessee. There was a residue of 31 years on the 29th of September and 25th of March. The rent was £45 11s. The lives of Mr. Charles O'Dwyer and Mr. P. Shannon, expired respectively in 1839 and 1845. Mr. Mahon, the lessee, expired in 1822. The issue was to try whether the present defendant was the life named in the lease. It would be given in evidence that at the time of making the lease there was an eldest son named John, in existence; and that the defendant was not born till 1797, and it would be shewn that a John was living in 1796, that he died, and that persons at his wake heard his father and mother declare he was the more to be regretted, as his life was one of those of the lands of Cragaknock. This was simply his (Mr. Freeman's) case, and if substantiated by evidence could not fail of convincing the jury.

Mr. Bennett would assist the plaintiff's case, by admitting the death of Shannon, in 1845, and the payment of rent.

Mary Kelly sworn—Was married in 1790; knew John Kelly one of the lessees, he had a son called John; was at his wake: there was a second son whose name was James; was four or five years married when John died; saw him dead; was at his wake; his parents were lamenting him, particularly as his life was of the land; knows the defendant; he was not born when the eldest son died; the eldest boy was old enough to go to school.

To Mr. Bennett—The maiden name of witness was Mary Gorman; is 76 years of age; was married at her father's house in Kilmurry-Ibrickane; her husbands name was Morty Kelly; formerly took a drop of punch, but none for some time; was getting better in her spirits, as Mr. Bennett electrified her (laughter); knows a man named Molohan, and nothing bad of him; he never electrified her (laughter); keeps a little bread and coffee shop; often sold groggy; often drank enough of punch; was reprimanded by the priest; he never spoke to her relative to Captain Marshall; the wake was at Mr. Kelly's house Cragaknock, there were three children there; witness was 16 or 17 years old when she married; all the neighbours were at the wake; there are some of them living yet; old John Kelly and Mary Gorman were there; knows Mr. Timothy Kelly the priest; he is brother to the defendant; never said to Mr. Kenny, the Solicitor, that she would prove the case against Kelly out of spite; never told him that James was not born when John died; never said that she would not incur the ill of her landlord to serve John Kelly, as he had only sweet words; never said that she would sooner see her husband go to jail for two years than let him swear against Mr. Mahon; heard talk of John Carrigg the smith; saw him at the lending bank; never said in his presence that her husband should swear for Mr. Mahon.

To Mr. Keller—Saw Mr. Kenny and defendant at her house when the summons was served the week before last; told Mr. Kenny that she got a Subpœna from Mr. Mahon, which she refused to give him, but showed it to him in her hand; knows Mrs. Shannon the defendant; did not see Mr. Kelly until he came into court.

John Hassett examined by Mr. Brereton—Lives at Cragaknock since he was born; is 68 years old; knew the late Mr. Charles Mahon; knew John Kelly the defendant's father; he is dead; he at first had two sons and a daughter, John, James, and Mary; he had these in the year '94; they were at one school with witness; of the children, John was stouter than James; he was weightier and stouter; remembers going home from school with them; there was then no road there, and witness had to take James on his back, but John walked easily; the latter died in the year '95; saw his funeral; saw the deceased's mother there; did not hear her saying anything particular.

To Mr. Henn—Is tenant to Mrs. Shannon, and is on good terms with her; cannot tell the year in which he was born; was married in 1812; was at school with the Kelly's at Killeens and Fagheys; all the children are John, James, Mary, Timothy, John of Kilrush, Pat, the Rev. Father Kelly, and also Mat; cannot tell when any of them was born; the eldest son of witness was born in 1813; his youngest is five or six years old; knows James Shannon, he is related to the widow Shannon, he is her nephew; he asserted that witness went to Mr. Mahon, where he swore on a bible that he did not speak to Mr. Mahon the day he came to see his tenants; did not tell Mr. Shannon he knew nothing of John Kelly's children or where they were born.

John MacNamara (an Irish witness) examined by Mr. Freeman—Is married 54 years; was 4 or 5 years during that time residing at Kilrush; was 6 or 7 years shearing sheep, cutting turf and doing several matters about old John Kelly's house; he is dead whed witness came to Knockacaranach; John Kelly had children John Mary and James; John was the elder; he is dead and buried in Kilmurry; he was buried the year before witness went to live to Kilrush; witness was at the funeral when John died James was living; was present when old John Kelly and his wife lamented the death of their son; as life was of the Lord, heard old John Kelly say to her, not to lament the child, as God took him, for there were 2 young lives existing; witness is 76 years old; had five daughters and two sons; his eldest son is 45 years old; was tenant to the defendant for 2 or 3 years, was turned out twenty years ago; he was left an acre, which he gave as a portion to his daughter, which she still has for a rent of £1 5s.; never spoke to Mr. Mahon until he was served with a subpœna; knows John Molahan; he is driver to Mr. Mahon; witness never spoke to Molahan on the business until he came to witness about a fortnight since; knows his grandson, John Shanahan; told him that he got 2s. for giving testimony; never said that he got clothes; John Hassett gave him the two shillings; was never promised clothes, gold, or silver; got the two shillings for charity.

Connor Cahill examined by Mr. Keller—Lives at Strath, lived previously 6 years at Jas. Shannon's at Cragaknock; he left it about fifty years ago; knew old John Kelly who lived there also; he had then four children; can now tell them, John, James, Mary and Pat; cannot form any opinion as to John's age then; he was the eldest; he was the tallest and stoutest; he is now dead, for about 50 or 52 years; knows the defendant; does not know whether he was born when witness left Cragaknock: recollects none but the four mentioned.

To Mr. Bennett—Is in his 74th year; he is living with Mr. Walsh 50 years; Mr. Kelly was the first to speak to him relative to his testimony. John Molahan's son gave him a compulsory and a crown; witness never told Mr. Mat Kelly that it was his brother, James Cahill, who knew all about the affair.

James Cahill is brother to the last witness; knew old Young; John Kelly was in service with the former about 56 years ago; has no reason to remember the particular time; remembers the year of the rebellion; married some short time previously; John Kelly had 3 children when witness was in his service, James, John and Mary; John was taller than James; John died before witness left the service; cannot tell how old he was then; there were two children born while he was in the service; one of their names was Pat; cannot tell the other; knows Father Kelly; had a conversation with him as to the present trial.

Cross-examined—Is brother to and elder than Connor Cahill; told father Kelly that James was the eldest son; this was merely to please him; the Priest then sent for him to Coorsclare at the house of James Gibson, and in reply to a question from the latter, witness said that the name of John Kelly's eldest son was not William but John; there might be an interval of three weeks between the two conversations; the first was in the Priest's house; his business there was to get the Priest to go bail to his brother for £1 and that he should get ample security: witness named James as the eldest son to please the priest, and knock the pound out of him; he was not then sworn; the priest refused to go security.

Mrs. Ellen Kelly, sworn—Is widow of Mr. Pat Kelly, brother to the defendant; saw Mr. Mahon demand possession of Cragaonck; always heard in the family that John was younger than James; heard James tell John that he heard his father say that this would yet be a contested lease; always heard that her husband was older than John; he was thirty-four years old when he married, and that 17 years ago.

Cross-examined by Mr. O'Gorman—The conversation was in the house of witness; always heard that James was the eldest; there were 7 brothers and 2 sisters; always heard 2 sons died, Tim and William.

Mr. Michael Brew, sworn—Is agent to Mr. Vandeleur; heard a conversation between Mr. Mahon and Mr. Kelly; the former said that the lease was out; the latter denied this, and asserted that he had an assignment of it from his father, and that he had his own life of it; on another occasion he said he was 49 or 50 years of age; Mr. Mahon remarked that Mr. Kelly's life could not be, as he was not born when the lease was made; Molihan remarked that Mr. Mahon received a letter to that effect from a neighbour in Kilrush. Witness said it was himself who wrote the letter.

To Mr. Bennett—The defendant said that he never saw the lease until it was exhibited by Mr. Mahon, and that James was the eldest son.

Mr. Bennett admitted that defendant truly stated in September last, at an insurance office, that he was 46 years of age; Mr. John Kelly is agent for the London, Edinburgh, and Dublin insurance office; knows the defendant Mrs. Shannon; she wanted our witness about three months since relative to insuring the defendant's life, as her interest in the lands of Cragaknock would expire in that time. She effected the insurance. Mr. Bennett would occupy the jury but a short time, first, because the hour was late, and let his time of life his voice and body were both weak. He was perfectly sure that if Mr. Mahon was acquainted with the evidence to be produced he would not proceed with the case. There was no more respectable man than Mr. Mahon, he had not the pleasure of being acquainted with the defendant's family, but he had seen the clergyman examined in the next court, and more upright testimony never was given. There was a latent ambiguity in the lease, which would be cleared up, and it would be proved that John was inserted in mistake for James upon the marriage of the defendant. In 1819 the defendant married, and his father made a settlement, and in the deed inserted John as the life in the lease, Others seem to be under a similar delusion, as Mrs. Shanahan went to insure his life under a like impression. The mistake was only discovered by the trustee, Mr. David Kenny, who communicated to the lessee, father of the defendant, and hence arose the conversation relative to a contested lease. The jury would give the case their most mature deliberation, and he (Mr. Bennett) was sure that their great experience and high characters would whatever their decision might be, give full satisfaction to both plaintiff and defendant.

Mary Gorman sworn—Is a widow; knows the defendant; is his aunt; recollects his marriage; witness was then 10 years old; was at the wedding; the bride's name was Anne Butler; the first child born was James, the next was Mary, the next was Thady, he is dead; he lived two years; the next was William, lived 4 years; the next Pat, now dead 7 or 8 years; the next was defendant, Thady the priest, and the next was Anne; had no other child, except the defendant called John; defendant had a rich uncle who had no children named James; he was godfather of James; was at William's wake; defendant is married more than 60 years; witness lived near the defendant; was often at his house.

To Mr. Freeman—Is seventy years old; never heard that John was the life in the lease; mentioned to the defendant what she could prove but not to the priest; was never a witness before; prosecuted her daughter-in-law for the murder of her own child; was then examined against her will; the daughter-in-law was in jail only ten days.

To Mr. Bennett—Only proved that her daughter-in-law was seen to go out and come in, in a very suspicious way; she was only 5 weeks married; a dead child was found by an old man near the stables.

Mr. James Shannon, sworn—Is married to the Aunt of last witness; lived within a hundred perches of him; the father of witness and witness were first-cousins; remembers when the lease in question was executed; it was prepared in the office of old Mr. Crowe, in this town. The father of witness was one of the lessees; it was filled by Pat Kease, Clerk to Mr. Crowe; David Kelly got the lessees part of the lease; knows James Kelly; he was born in 1794; he had no elder brother; he was born the year after his father's marriage; knew John Macnamara (examined on the day previous); knows his character; he is not worthy of credit in a Court of Justice; there was not a man of that name on the ploughland in 1796; saw him first in 1809; might have seen him previously.

To Mr. Brereton—Is first-cousin to defendant; the deceased John Kelly was a very intelligent man; he was wise enough to know his own children and their names; the Clerk who filled the lease is dead; witness is a farmer; is brother-in-law to the defendant, Mrs. Alicia Shannon; was an Excise officer for 13 years; took some oaths during that time; was dismissed for a soldier under his command shooting a man; but not by his directions; witness was tried for it, and acquitted; was never after employed in the Excise, and applied for it; this was in 1807.

Patrick Kerin (an Irish witness), sworn—Is 76 years old; knows the defendant and knew his father; recollects his marriage with Ann Butler; witnes then lived within 100 perches of Kelly's house, and was five years in service there; recollects when his first child was born; his name is James, and is still alive; witness lived there until 7 were born; there was no child born for the lessee called John except the defendant.

To Mr. Freeman—Is married 50 years; was born about a mile from where John Kelly lived.

John Gorman sworn—Is 70 years of age; recollects John Kelly's marriage; lived within a quarter of a mile of him at the time; recollects that the first child (James) was born about a year after his father's marriage.

Margaret M'Night is 75 years old—Is sister to John Hassett—Recollects when John Kelly married Miss Butler; the first child was James; she had a dangerous confinement.

James Begley, corroborated the above.

Mr. Matt Kenny, sworn and examined.—Went with his client, John Kelly, to the house of the first witness, Mary Kelly, who then stated to Kelly if she was unwilling to prove for Mr Mahon, that she would do so in spite to Kelly, as they (the Kellys) had given out that she was a person of indifferent character and that it would be better for them if they let her alone, that she would rather her husband spent two years in jail than not prove for his landlord, Mr. Mahon. In answer to Mr. Freeman, witness stated he thought it perfectly consistent with his duty as a professional man to have taken down what Mary Kelly said on that occasion, as he did so at the time merely to instruct his Counsel and not to contradict her on the table; that the Kellys were friends and relations of his, and the reason why he called on Mary Kelly was to ascertain what was for and against them that he may prevent them from incurring law expenses if they were wrong. Mr. O'Dwyer withdrew his defence. Mr. Kenny was under the impression from a conversation he had with Mr. O'Dwyer, that he was instructed to take defence, but Mr. O'Dwyer considered he did not instruct him as he did not intend to take defence to the Ejectment. Mr. Kenny here objected to state the reason Mr. O'Dwyer told him that he wished to withdraw his defence but being desired by the learned Judge, he was compelled to do so, the reason Mr. O'Dwyer told witness he withdrew his defence was that Mr. Mahon and he had some agreement; that he (Mr. O'Dwyer) should not be in a worse position than the Kelly's should they succeed; witness never told Mr. Studdert that the defence he first intended taking for his clients was, that John Kelly, the defendant, was the life on the lease.

Mr. James Shannon sworn—Knows John Hassett; he swore on a bible that he never spoke to Mr. Mahon and did not know the names of the late John Kelly's two children.

To Mr. Freeman—Went to Hassett for rent due to Mrs. Alicia Shannon asked whether he knew any of the matter of which the whole county was speaking: is acting agent to Mr. Shannon, for two years, and Hassett is a good tenant.

Mr. Mathew Kelly examined by Mr. O'Gorman—Is manager of the Kilrush National Bank, the reputation in the family is that James Kelly is the eldest son; Mary second, and no son John except the present defendant; 3 died, William Timothy and Pat; knows Connor Cobelly; he believes witness that James was the eldest son that he had no recollection about the names of the others.

To Mr. Keller—Is 47 or 48 years of age; defendant is about 49 or 50; witnesses father died 3 years ago; never heard until lately that defendant was the life in the lease; cannot say the order in which the children were born; had the conversation with Connor Cahill near his own house; spoke also to James Crawford as to whether he recollected anything relative to the names of the children.

The Rev. Timothy K-lly examined by Mr. Bennett—Is brother to defendant; witness believes him to be five years younger; the reputation in the family always was, and is, that James is the eldest son; never heard until lately that there was a second John in the family; heard his father and mother say they had seven sons and two daughters, three died, William and Timothy; heard James Cahil examined; remembers speaking to him twice on the subject; he came uncalled, unsent for; he said that James was the eldest son, and that Mary was the second child; he asked for clothes at the first interview, and at the second there was a person named Gibson present; Gibson did not ask Cahill whether the name of the eldest son was not William, and Cahill did not reply it was John.

To Mr. Keller—Never heard in the family that John was the life in the lease until proceedings were commenced; witness would be materially anxious as to the issue of this affair, and would be desirous to discover evidence.

James Kelly sworn—Is in or about 60; is reputed in the family to be the first born; had never a brother named John with him at school except defendant; had seven brothers; three are dead, Thady, William, and Pat; believes the defendant is about fifty years; recollects having a conversation with Mrs. Ellen Kelly the widow of Pat: witness told her that his father at one time said this would yet be a disputed lease, and he (the father) added because Mr. David Kenny, the trustee, observed to him that John was the eldest son in place of James.

To Mr. Freeman—This conversation occurred in October; was at school at Faheys; witness and John went to school above Drew's.

Mr. James Kenny is son of the late Mr. David Kenny found the lease produced among his father's papers.

Mr. Tom Gibson proved the execution of a deed of conveyance to the defendant under the lease. Mr. Keller addressed the jury enumerating and commenting on the evidence at considerable length.

The learned Judge then addressed the Jury at some length, and after a short absence returned with a verdict for the Plaintiff with 6d. costs and 6d. damages.

Counsel for the plaintiff H. D. Freeman, Q.C. Boyle Killer, Q.C. and W. W. Brereton, Esqrs. Agent Charles Studdert, Esq. For the defendant, George Bennett, Q.C., Jonathan Henn, Q.C., and Richard O'Gorman, Esqrs. Agent Mathew Kenny, Esq.

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NEW COURT HOUSE.

The presentment in this case occupied a considerable portion of Baron Lefroy's time on Monday morning. The finding of the Jury, changing the site chosen by Commissioners, ratified at Special Sessions, and approved of by the townspeople, his lordship told the Grand Jury distinctly, on Saturday evening, *could not stand.* These were the words his lordship used on Saturday evening. On Monday morning, however, the wavering position his mind held during the discussion on Saturday, returned, and after much doubt, he came to the final conclusion of fixing the presentment. His veering lordship told us he brought personal inspection to bear upon the question, and to prove how accurate his observation was, he told us that the ground pointed out for both, was nearly equi-distant from where he then sat. This observation to one unacquainted with the respective positions of the ground might have some weight, but whatever momentary impression it may make, will be removed when we tell them, the place now chosen is *outside* of the town, the site rejected is at the *end* of the town. At one end very nearly built up to, at the other end is a wide space that never will be built upon, and every perch in advance from which takes you from the town, away from a magnificent river, on the eve of being opened to the world, and brings you nearer to the Union Workhouse. Each and every man who took a common sense view of the matter, who did not act a careless or an interested part, or who were not induced by mere personal convenience, agreed with the choice of the Commissioners. The ground now chosen was unanimously rejected by the Commissioners themselves, but how their minds were worked upon, and the whole movement kept secret until almost the hour they were called upon to decide upon the foregone conclusion, is a mystery not yet exposed. Time, which developes all things, will yet make known how the affair was managed, and the house when built, where it is now proposed to place it, *if it be ever built there,* which we greatly doubt, will keep alive the remembrance of the permanent injury they have inflicted. When it is built, wherever it may be, it will be a memorial to remind us either of the successful efforts made to ruin the town, or of the evil that we have escaped. We shall not forget when we saw the Ben lie down with the lamb, and men of the most opposite opinions agree for once for a single object, not one of whom can refer to their vote with satisfaction.

IRISH POOR LAW—MEDICAL CHARITIES.

We understand that Dr. Phelan has been summoned to give evidence before the Lords Select Committee on the working of the Irish Poor Law, and the Medical Charities. Few, if any, we believe, know so much about either.—We are glad to perceive that the Members of the Medical Profession now generally concur in his views, as appears by resolutions which they have passed at Derry, Limerick, and Ennis.—The Clare gentlemen have even passed a vote of thanks to him for his exertions in their favour. —*D. E. Post.*

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