

The following Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland were laid before the Board, and directions given thereon as follows:—

The following Letters from the Local Government Board for Ireland and others were read by the Clerk, and directions given to answer them respectively to the following effect (or Orders made on them respectively, as follows):—

47.990/97. } Stating that they have received a communi-
16th Dec. } cation from the Under Secretary to His Ex-
-cellency the Lord Lieutenant requesting to
be furnished for the information of the
Secretary of State for War with a return
showing the number of re-soldiers in
receipt of in-door and out-door relief,
respectively, on the night of the 18th instant.

Return furnished on 20th instant.

48.729/97. } The Board have had before them the Clerk's
18th Dec. } letter of the 11th instant, relative to the Board's
recent application respecting the weekly
returns supplied to the Department; and,
in reply to Clerk's observations on the subject,
pointing out that the communication
referred to was a circular letter addressed

to the Clerks of several Unions, and it need not
be understood as implying that there is any
want of punctuality on the Clerk's part in
furnishing the returns relating to Galway
Union.

46.501/97. } Adverting to Minutes of the 24th ultimo, and
21st Dec. } requesting to be informed whether Mr. Bailey,
Rate Collector, has entered into a new bond
for the due performance of his duties.

*Mr. Bailey to be called upon to enter into a new
bond within a week.*

49.454/97. } Referring to resolution of the 15th instant,
21st Dec. } asking for a free grant of money for the
purpose of providing a supply of seed
for the Union, and stating that the Board
think it right to inform the Guardians
that the terms upon which seed will be
given have been finally decided upon,
and that no variations of the conditions
laid down in the Board's Circular of the
30th ultimo must be expected.

49.454/97. } Referring to Minutes of the 15th instant,
21st Dec. } and requesting to be furnished with plan,
specification, and estimate of the disin-
fecting chamber proposed to be created
in connection with the Fever Hospital of the
Workhouse.

*Order the Engineer to be called upon to furnish
the plan, &c. as requested.*

49,454/97 } Transmitting questions for answers respect-
21st Dec: } ing the person who may be appointed as Night
Nurse in the Workhouse,

49,454/97 } Same, respecting Mr. A. Keogh who has
21st Dec: } been appointed as temporary substitute
for Relieving Officer Coleman.

Mr. Keogh has several times acted as substitute
for this officer, ~~before~~. Last time sanctioned on the
3rd and 10th of June last.

21st Dec: '97 } From Major R. Rutledge-Fair, Local Government
Inspector, requesting that a Special Meeting
of the Board be summoned for the 29th inst.
to consider certain proposals made by the
Government, which will be then explained
to them, to relieve exceptional distress al-
leged to prevail in the Union.

The Special Meeting has been summoned.

20th Dec: '97 } From the Manager of the National Bank,
enclosing a copy of a reply he received from
his Directors, in which they state that they
decline to sanction an advance of £1000,
as no sufficient steps have been taken for
recouping the Bank the existing arrears
of interest the amount of which appears to
be increasing instead of decreasing.

Under the circumstances he (the Manager)
cannot pay any more cheques on the account
pending clearance of overdraft.

Order. To be requested to cash the cheques for Salaries
issued

issued today as over £600 will be lodged
to the credit of the Union account.

The Marquess of Salisbury and Messrs W.
O'Malley, M.P. and J. Cullerton, M.P. acknow-
ledged the receipt of copies of resolutions
adopted by the Guardians at meeting on
the 8th instant.

Messrs W. Barbour & Sons of Lisburn, sent a
quantity of paper dolls to be distributed
among the youngest children in the Work-
house on Dennis Day.

Order. The thanks of the Guardians to be tendered to them
for their nice present.

The Technical Education Association
for Ireland, forwarded a resolution for
adoption by the Guardians, as follows:

"That we consider the immediate establishment of a central
organisation to foster Agriculture and Industries with the aid of State Funds
as essential for the preservation of Irish Agriculture and Industries, and
that in case the Government are unable to pass a Bill this Session dealing
with the subject, we call upon His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to
establish such an organisation by Charter."

This resolution was unanimously adopted.

On the motion of Mr. B. Hee, seconded by
Mr. P. A. Burke, it was
Resolved - That the grateful thanks of this
Board be conveyed to Mr. R. J. Kelly, B. L.,
and the Editors of the "Independent" and
"Freeman's Journal" for their advocacy of
the Port of Galway as the most suitable
place

place for the landing of Canadian and other Transatlantic mails.

That we consider it advisable that members of this Board, the Harbour Board, and the Board of Town Commissioners, be deputed to wait upon the Lord Bishop of Galway and to request him to summon a Public Meeting to consider this subject, and how best to advance the interests of the Port of Galway.

That Messrs the Chairman, J. Morris & Shee and G. Mackinnell, represent this Board on the deputation.

Establishment of Salaries. £ s d

108	Rev. J. F. Berry	W.H. Chaplain	6 5 0
109	" P. J. Lally	" "	3 2 10 0
110	R. F. Mullery	clerk of Union	3 5 0 0
111	C. J. Athy	W.H. Master	20 0 0
112	Sr. M. B. Skerrett	" matron	15 0 0
113	C. L. Toole	" School Master	12 10 0
114	Sr. M. A. Kane	" " mistress	12 10 0
115	Sr. N. J. W. Bolahan	" med. offr.	18 15 0
116	" M. A. Lyden	" "	18 15 0
117	" N. Grealy	" Apothecary	17 10 0
118	R. Bradshaw	" Porter	4 5 0
119	Sr. J. Macklin	" Hosp. nurse	15 0 0
120	" E. Hogan	" "	7 10 0
121	" S. Ryan	" "	7 10 0
122	Rose Meljirr	" night nurse	6 5 0
123	Margt Nolan	" Maternity "	6 5 0
124	Kate Dwyer	" Wardmaid	1 0 0
125	Mary Lee	" "	2 10 0
126	H. Mannion	" "	2 10 0
127	Ellen Horde	" "	1 5 0
128	Teresa M. Keenan	" J. H. Nurse	8 15 0
129	Lizzie Clynnes	" " "	3 10 0
130	Mary Kelly	" " Wardmaid	1 13 6
131	Martin Nestor	" " Porter	5 0 0
132	Pat. Lydon	" Chapl. attat	2 10 0
133	Jas Coleman	Relieving offr.	11 15 0
134	Jos Martyn	" "	9 5 0
135	Pat Cullinan	" "	7 10 0
136	Jas J. McNeill	" "	7 5 0
137	D. Kyne	" "	9 5 0
138	M. O. Flaherty	" "	7 0 0
Election, Law, &c. &c.			
110	R. F. Mullery	Returning offr.	2 10 0

The cases of Provisional Relief, and applications for relief, were considered and decided on, as set forth in the Application and Report Books.

The number of Provisional Admissions to the Workhouse confirmed was	-	24
Ditto disallowed,	-	0
The number of Applicants admitted to the Workhouse was	-	1

The number of cases of Provisional Outdoor Relief was	-	2
Do. in which Relief was continued by the Guardians	-	0
The number of other Applicants in the Relieving Officers' Books relieved by order of the Guardians was	-	0

The number of Applicants for whom relief was not ordered was	-	0
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The Bonds and other securities in force were laid before the Guardians by the Clerk, together with his report thereon, as follows: (this on the second Meeting after the Annual Election in every year).

Next Meeting of the Guardians to be held on WEDNESDAY, the 29th day of Dec^r 1897.

(Signed), *Robt. A. Mullery*
Clerk of the Union.

Medical Charities Act (14 & 15 Vic., cap. 68), Vaccination Acts, and Dispensary Houses Act.

MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians under the above-mentioned Acts, at a Meeting held on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd day of December, 1897.

PRESENT—In the Chair, *Wm. McDonogh Esq. R.*
OTHER GUARDIANS:—

(Same as at page 25)

An Estimate of Medicines, &c., required by the Medical Officer of the Dispensary District, approved by the Committee of Management, was laid before the Board, with a Requisition from the Committee for the supply of the same, and directions were given thereon as follows:—

An Invoice of Medicines forwarded by the Contractor, for the Dispensary District, in pursuance of an Order of the Board in their Minutes of having been received from him, the Clerk laid the Invoice before the Board, and was directed to forward the same (or reported that he had forwarded the same as the case may be), to the Medical Officer of the District, retaining a copy of the Invoice for the use of the Guardians.

On application of the Committee of Management of the Dispensary District, the following supplies of Books, Stationery, Forms, or other requisites were ordered to be supplied:—

Dispensary Districts.

The following Accounts of Expenses (or Statement of Salaries due, as the case may be) under the Medical Charities Act, were laid before the Board, and directions were given for Payment thereof (or such other directions as may be given):

			£	s.	d.
Galway	139	D. M. F. Hyden, Salary as med. off.	30	0	0
"	140	" M. A. Hyden, " "	30	0	0
"	141	" J. Keane, " "	27	10	0
"	142	" T. Grealy, " Apothecary	7	10	0
Moycullen	143	" J. Conolly, " med. off.	30	0	0
Cranmore	144	" W. P. Kirwan, " "	25	2	6
Spiddal	145	" W. M. Cormack, " "	30	0	0
Limore	146	" P. D. Ghynn, " "	32	10	0
Galway	147	Pat Griffin, " Porter	5	0	0
Cranmore	148	Thos. Mahon, " "	1	10	0
Spiddal	149	D. Kyne service of vacc. notice	1	0	0
Cranmore	175	J. Cornaughton, bal. of contract	10	0	0

[This at the end of each half-year, in pursuance of Article 23 of the General Rules for Dispensary Districts, dated 3rd November, 1865.]

An Account of the Expenses incurred for the service of each Dispensary District in the Union, for the Half-year ended _____ 189 , having been submitted to the Board, the Clerk was directed to furnish to the Committee of each Dispensary District a statement of all the Expenses of the District which have been included in the half-year's accounts. The following is the total Expense incurred for each Dispensary District for the half-year ended _____ 189 .

Galway District,	-	-	£
Moycullen District,	-	-	£
Cranmore District,	-	-	£
Spiddal District,	-	-	£
Furloughmore District,	-	-	£

[This to be entered on the occasion of every appointment of a new Committee, after the annual Election of Guardians, and on the occasion of any vacancy in a Dispensary Committee.]

The Board elected the following Ratepayers to be Members of the Committees of Management of the following Dispensary Districts, respectively:—the Clerk to make a Return accordingly to the Local Government Board for Ireland, and to issue the prescribed Notification to the Members elected, and to the Medical Officers of the respective Dispensary Districts, in pursuance of Articles 1, 2, and 3 of the General Regulations for Dispensary Districts.—The Clerk was also directed to supply Check Books of Medical Relief Tickets (Forms C 1 and C 2), in pursuance of Article 30 of the Dispensary Regulations, to the new Members of the Committees, namely:—

Dispensary District, Mr. _____ of _____

The following Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Medical Charities Act, were laid before the Board, and directions given thereon as follows:—

Order dated _____ (state subject.)

The following Letters from the Local Government Board for Ireland and others, were read by the Clerk, and directions given to answer them respectively, to the following effect (or Orders were made on them respectively as follows:—

Read Letter from Dr. Macbormack, dated 24th Dec^r 1897, stating that

he will discharge his liability to Dr. Connolly for acting as substitute for him in the Spiddal Dispensary District.

Order Cheques for salary to be forwarded to Dr. Macbormack without deduction for amount of Dr. Connolly's claim. The latter to be informed of the promise made by Dr. Macbormack.

16th Dec. '97. From Dr. Glynn, Medical Officer of the Turloughmore Dispensary District. Stating that he has been informed that a complaint has been made against him by Mrs. Mary Bullinan. Stating that the letter is a forgery and that he desires a full investigation of the case.

Mrs. Mary Bullinan came before the Guardians and stated that she did not write to the Local Government Board to complain of the conduct of Dr. Glynn; that she had no cause of complaint, on the contrary he had been

[These Reports are to be made up and forwarded by the Medical Officers to the Board of Guardians quarterly, viz., on the 31st March, the 30th June, the 30th September, and the 31st December.]

~~Reports (Form P, containing the names of Children born in the District who are over 3 months of age and have not been vaccinated) from the Medical Officers of the following Dispensary Districts, viz. :-~~

Galway, No. 1, _____ defaulters	Cranmore, _____ defaulters
Do. 2, _____ do.	Spiddal, _____ do.
Do. 3, _____ do.	Turloughmore, _____ do.
Moycullen, _____ do.	

~~were laid before the Board, and directions given thereon as follows:~~

most attentive to her husband during his illness.

On the motion of Mr. S. Harris, seconded by Mr. E. Hee, it was

Resolved. That we beg to express our condemnation of the cowardly attack made on Dr. Glynn in a forged letter forwarded to the Local Government Board, and purporting to bear the signature of Mrs. Mary Bullinan, who has this day been before us and denied all knowledge of such a letter being written.

GALWAY UNION.
 PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

(41 & 42 Vic., cap. 52, &c.)

MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians acting as the Rural Sanitary Authority, under the above-mentioned Acts, at a Meeting held on WEDNESDAY, the

22nd day of December, 1897.

PRESENT—In the Chair, *Wm. McDonough Esq. J.P.*

OTHER GUARDIANS,

(Same as at page 25)

Reports from the Sanitary Officers of the following Districts, viz. :—

District.	Name of Officer.	General Subject.	Particulars.

were read, and directions given thereon as recorded in Executive Sanitary Officer's Report Book.

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29th day of December, 1897.

(Signed),

Robt. F. Mullery
 Clerk of the Union.

The following Letters from the Local Government Board for Ireland or others, relating to Sanitary Matters were read, and directions given thereon as follows:—

Galway County Council Archives

The following Accounts of Expenses incurred under the Sanitary Acts were laid before the Board, viz.:

District	Nature of Expenditure.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.
	<i>Salaries</i>			
150 R. F. Mullery	Ex. San. offr	5	0	0
151 D. M. J. Lyden	Sanitary Officer	6	5	0
152 " " M. A. Lyden	"	6	5	0
153 " " J. Kean	"	3	15	0
154 " " J. Conolly	"	3	15	0
155 " " W. P. Kirwan	"	3	15	0
156 " " W. Mc Cormack	"	3	15	0
157 " " P. D. Glynn	"	3	15	0
158 J. Coleman	San. Sub. officer	2	10	0
159 J. Martyn	"	2	0	0
160 P. Bullinan	"	5	0	0
161 J. J. McNeill	"	1	10	0
162 O. Kyne	"	2	0	0
163 M. O'Flaherty	"	1	15	0
164 same	Caretaker of Aran WW	1	5	0

PROCEEDINGS of the BOARD of GUARDIANS acting as the BURIAL BOARD.

Payments

165 R. F. Mullery	Salary as clerk	£ 7. 10. 0
166 J. D'Arcy	" Cemetery Supt.	10. 0. 0
167 P. Carr	" Caretaker	6. 10. 0

PROCEEDINGS of the BOARD of GUARDIANS as LOCAL AUTHORITY under the CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (ANIMALS) ACTS, 1878 to 1890.

Payments.

168 R. J. Mullery, Salary as clerk £5.00
169 J. O'Malley, vet. Inapt. 10.00

The Police at Inveran reported two cases of supposed Swine-fever in the district.

The Police at Craunmore reported a case of rabies in a stray dog in the public streets at Craunmore on the 15th instant. The animal having attempted to bite, though snuggled with a cage snuggle, and having shown signs of rabies, was shot by the Police.

The Veterinary Inspector reported having examined the brain of the animal and that he found symptoms of rabies very fully developed.

James J. Murnan

Next Meeting of the Guardians to be held on WEDNESDAY, the 29th day of December, 1897.

(Signed) Robt. J. Mullery, Clerk of the Union.

[Special.]

GALWAY UNION.

Population in 1891—38,719.

Present Net Annual Value, £66,537.

STATE of the WORKHOUSE for the Week ending Saturday, the 25th day of December 1897.

Table with columns: Number of inmates for which accommodation is provided, Aged and infirm persons, Boys and Girls, Children above 5 and under 9 years of age, Children above 9 and under 15 years of age, Infants under 2 years of age, RETURN OF SICK AND LUNATICS, OBSERVATIONS.

RETURN of DESTITUTE PERSONS relieved out of the Workhouse, as by Relief Lists, for the last Week ending SATURDAY, the 25th day of December 1897, authenticated and laid before the Board of Guardians at this Meeting.

Table with columns: RELIEF DISTRICT, Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse, Total relieved out of the Workhouse, RELIEF DISTRICT, Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse, Total relieved out of the Workhouse.

COPY of MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians, at a Meeting held on WEDNESDAY,

the 29th day of December 1897.

PRESENT: In the Chair, M. J. Keaven Esq. D.C.

Other Guardians:—

D. J. Cope (M.P.) Messrs Ryan, M. McNeill, J. Madden, J. Kilwan, J. Wallace, J. Grealy, Costello, M. Fahy, M. McDonogh, M. F. Sullivan, J. Morris, M. Cunningham, P. Shannon (M.P.), J. O'Donoghue, J. B. MacDonnell, P. Burke, M. Grealish, M. Lynch (D.C.), R. H. French (M.P.), J. Hyne, J. G. Scott, P. Kearney, J. Joyce, J. C. McDonogh, and E. J. Lee, Major R. Rutledge Fair, L. G. Inspector attended.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

The Workhouse Register was produced, examined, and authenticated, from No. 2962, to No. 2963, both inclusive, by the signature of the Chairman and countersignature of the Clerk.

The Outdoor Relief Register was produced, examined, and authenticated, from No. 2341, to No. 2343, both inclusive, by the Signature of the Chairman and Countersignature of the Clerk.

The Clerk's Report on the execution of the Orders previously made by the Board was read to the following effect:—

* Including £ 458. 17. 11 Par. Grant for Medl & Educ. Exp.
47. 17. 6 " " " Sanitary "
and 15. 0. 0 cash for grave spaces &c.

The Ledger was produced by the Clerk, posted up to the last day of Meeting, with the proper Debits and Credits as ordered on that day.

The Treasurer's Book of Receipts and Payments was produced, by which it appeared that there had been received during the Week, - - - £ 695: 11: 6 x

Paid during the Week, - - - £ 284: 4: 6

And that the Balance on the Accounts against the Guardians was £ 27: 6: 2

The Book was signed by the Chairman.

The Weekly Balance Sheets of the several Collectors were laid before the Board, their accuracy having been first ascertained and authenticated by the Clerk.

The Lodgments made of Rates collected in the several Electoral Divisions appear to have been as follow:—

Table with columns: Name of each Collector, Electoral Divisions arranged in Collectors' Districts, Collected and Lodged, Total, Remaining, Total. Includes entries for JOHN H. BAILEY, NICHOLAS KYNE, JOHN MARTYN, THOMAS HERNON, OWEN KYNE, EDWARD FAHERTY, PATRICK CONCANNON, FRANCIS KELLY, and a TOTALS row.

NOTE—A Total is to be inserted in Red Ink at the foot of each Collector's District, as well as for the entire Union. Debit the Treasurer and Credit the several Electoral Divisions with the respective amounts lodged.

The Clerk's Account of Petty Disbursements made by him since last Meeting, amounting to £ 8 : 10 : 1 was produced and passed.

The following Books were exhibited by the Clerk, he having first ascertained the accuracy of the entries made therein by the Master of the Workhouse, and authenticated the same by his signature :—

1. The Weekly Relief List and Abstract.
2. The Provision Check Account.
3. The Provision Receipt and Consumption Account.

	£	s.	d.
By which it appeared that the Cost of Provisions and Necessaries received during the Week was =	118	6	0
Debit Provision Account and Credit Invoice Account.			
The Cost of Provisions and Necessaries consumed was =	110	4	11
Debit Maintenance Account and Credit Provision Account.			
And the General Average Cost of an Inmate for the Week was =	-	3	10/2
Average Cost in Infirmary, =	-	4	11
Average Cost in Fever Hospital, =	-	14	0

The Master's Estimate of Provisions and Necessaries required for the ensuing Week was examined, and Orders were duly made for the several articles specified, namely :—

<p>2880 lbs. White Bread,</p> <p>252 lbs. Brown Bread,</p> <p>cwt. Oatmeal,</p> <p>cwt. Indian Meal,</p> <p>1616 qts. Milk,</p> <p>941/2 lbs. Meat,</p> <p>100 lbs. Butter,</p> <p>chest of Tea,</p> <p>case of Cocoa,</p> <p>252 lbs. Soft Sugar,</p> <p>cwt. Rice,</p> <p>3 stones Flour,</p> <p>1520 Eggs,</p> <p>1 half-brl. Porter,</p> <p>bots Marsala Wine,</p> <p>Port Wine,</p> <p>Gin,</p> <p>Brandy,</p> <p>24 Soda Water,</p> <p>24 Lemonade,</p> <p>gals. Whiskey,</p>	<p>lbs. Corn Flour,</p> <p>Arrowroot,</p> <p>Loaf Sugar,</p> <p>6 tins Biscuits,</p> <p>Pepper,</p> <p>cwt. Salt,</p> <p>13 Chickens,</p> <p>4 lbs. Bacon,</p> <p>lbs. Candles,</p> <p>cask Lamp Oil,</p> <p>8 lbs. Starch,</p> <p>Soap,</p> <p>Blue,</p> <p>2 cwt. Washing Soda,</p> <p>112 ozs. Tobacco,</p>
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The following Books were also produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him, and authenticated by his signature :—

1. The several Clothing Accounts.
2. The Medical Officers' Books.

The Outdoor Relief Lists and Weekly Receipt and Expenditure Books of the several Relieving Officers were then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him, and authenticated by his signature.

The Abstract of the Outdoor Relief Lists was also produced by the Clerk, having been duly entered up by him for the last week ended Saturday, the 25th day of Decr 1897, whereby it appeared that in that Week the Total Expenditure in Outdoor Relief was

	£	s.	d.
In money. -	15	5	0
In kind, -	-	9	9
Total, -	£	15	14

Credit each Relieving Officer, as per Receipt and Expenditure Books.

The requirements of each Relieving Officer for the ensuing Week having been duly considered and estimated by the Board, Cheques on the Treasurer and Orders on Contractors were duly signed and delivered to each of them, of the following amounts and value respectively :

RELIEF DISTRICT.	Name of Relieving Officer.	By Cheque on Treasurer.			RELIEF DISTRICT.	Name of Relieving Officer.	By Cheque on Treasurer.		
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
No. I.	COLEMAN	10	0	0		Brought forward	10	0	0
No. II.	MARTYN				No. V.	KYNE			
No. III.	CULLINAN				No. VI.	O'FLAHERTY	10	0	0
No. IV.	M'NEILL								
	Carried forward	10	0	0		TOTAL	20	0	0

Credit Treasurer and Debit Relieving Officers with Cheques.

Clerk's Petty Cash Account.

£ s. d.

10	0	0
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Clerk to pay Small Bills.

Credit Treasurer and Debit Petty Cash Account with the above sum.

On the Report and recommendation of the Finance Committee the following Bills, having been duly examined and found to be correct, and in accordance with the several Orders, were directed to be paid, and Cheques for the several amounts were duly drawn on the Treasurer and signed, namely :

Election, Law, &c, &c.

£ s. d.

179	Holeman, Car-hire, obtaining information	16	6	
180	J. Martyn, as to state of crops	15	0	
181	P. Cullinan, do	15	0	
182	J. J. M'Neill, do	15	0	
183	O'Keefe, do	15	0	
184	M. O'Flaherty, do	10	0	
185	D. M. Hyden, Lunacy fees (2)	2	2	0
186	" M. Hyden, " (1)	1	1	0

Technical Educ. Com, &c.

187	Rev. P. Holly, P.C. for exp of Committee	33	11	4
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Establishment &c.

188	W. A. Reims, B.E. fees for Workhouse Cont.	25	0	0
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Debit the several Accounts, and Credit Treasurer with the several sums as above.

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Workhouse Invoice Account.

£ s. d.

Debit Workhouse Invoice Account and Credit Treasurer with the several sums as above.

The Clerk's Report of Vaccination was read—(this on the first meeting in every month)—
Number of successful cases:—

The Report of the Visiting Committee was read, and Orders were made thereon as follows:—

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HOSPITAL REPORTS.

Infirmary—Admitted during the Week,	3	Fever Hospital—Admitted during the Week,	3
Discharged	20	Discharged	0
Died	0	Died	1
Remaining	77	Remaining	7

The Reports of the Master and other Officers were read, and Orders made thereon as follows:—

The Master's estimate of petty requirements for the Workhouse was examined and orders were issued on Contractors.

Workhouse Medical Officer.

" Required urgently for a patient in hospital a palette splint—Arnold's modification of Seamer's. It will cost from £1.10.0 to £2.0.0 and is absolutely necessary.

(Signed) N. W. Colohan.

Ordered.

The following Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland were laid before the Board, and directions given thereon as follows:—

The following Letters from the Local Government Board for Ireland and others were read by the Clerk, and directions given to answer them respectively to the following effect (or Orders made on them respectively, as follows):—

49,854/97. } Referring to Minutes of the 15th instant, and
23rd Dec. } stating that the Board will raise no objection to the following payments proposed to be made by the Guardians to the Relieving Officers, being the amount of expenses incurred by them for car hire when visiting their districts for the purpose of reporting on the condition of the crops, viz:—
Mr. Coleman, 16/-, Mr. M. Flaherty 10/- and
to Messrs. Martyn, Cullinan, McNeill and Kyne, 15/- each.

49,877/97. } Stating that they learn from their Inspector,
23rd Dec. } Major Rutledge-Fair, that in consequence of the partial failure of the potato crop this year, an increased demand for

relief by persons residing in certain portions of the Union may shortly be apprehended, and the Board have accordingly thought it desirable that a special meeting of the Guardians should be held to take into consideration the adoption of such measures as may be necessary to secure that the poorer classes who have been affected by the failure do not suffer from want of food.

The Board would remind the Guardians that it is not only their duty to see that the poor in their Union receive any assistance that their circumstances may render necessary, but also to take care that in dealing with any pressure for relief that may arise precautions are adopted to prevent imposition and the undue expenditure of the rates. In order, therefore, to safeguard the interests of the rate payers in connection with any scheme upon which the Guardians may decide for the relief of exceptional distress, the Board would suggest to them that a labour test should be instituted in order to secure that all persons who receive assistance are actually in need of it.

The Board have instructed their Inspector to attend the Guardians' meeting on the 29th instant, and to confer with them as to the best means of aiding the poor of the Union. He will explain the policy and intentions of the Government in dealing with the present demand for relief

relief works, and the Guardians will learn from him that if they adopt a well-considered scheme which will provide a suitable labour test, and which is otherwise satisfactory, the Board will be prepared to assist them both financially and otherwise by their advice and counsel in carrying it out

The receipt of copies of the resolutions adopted by the Guardians at last meeting was acknowledged on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant and by Mr. Kelly, C. L.

Dec. '97. Circular from the Secretary to the Departmental Committee on the inland transit of cattle.
Read.

18th Dec. '97. From the Clerk of Union, Donegal, forwarding a copy of a resolution adopted by the Guardians of that Union as follows:—

That the Donegal Board of Guardians respectfully beg, that in the interests of the large agricultural population of this Union, the Government will in the next Session of Parliament re-introduce the Agricultural Produce Mark's Bill, whereby all meat (including hams), cheese, and butter of foreign origin should be marked as such, and that thereby the Public may know what they are purchasing.

Unanimously adopted.

24th Dec. '97. From Messrs. Andrews & Co. Coleraine, inquiring whether the Guardians are likely to ^{require} seed Potatoes and oats this season.
To be informed - no

28th Dec. '97. From Nurse Margaret Nugent enclosing a certificate from the Medical Officer of Galway No. 1 Dispensary District, that she attended a woman named Bridget Joyce in her confinement, and that he considers the nurse should be paid for ^{her} services, claiming from the Guardians a fee of 10/-.

Order. To be informed that the Guardians are unable to remunerate her as her services were not requisitioned by the Relieving Officer of the District.

Rate collector J. Bailey submitted for the approval of the Guardians the names of Mr. Martin Ashe of Cross St. and Mr. Patrick Corcoran of Abbeygate St. as Sureties to his new Bond.

Approved.

The Clerk read a copy of the notice sent to each Guardian summoning a special meeting for today, to confer with Major P. Rutledge-Fair, L. G. Inspector, as to certain proposals made by Government to relieve exceptional distress alleged to prevail in the Union.

Major Rutledge-Fair explained the proposals, and recommended the Guardians to direct the Clerk to summon meetings of the ^{Committees of the} Moycullen, Spiddal, and the Aram Islands portion of Galway Dispensary District, and to invite some of the principal ratepayers in each District to confer with the committee as to works to be undertaken, and to prepare lists of the persons

who

who are to be employed on these works, to relieve their destitution, the rate of payment and the number of hours per day to be so employed, and to nominate supervisors or gangers over the works. If such meetings be summoned in the Districts named, the Inspector will, with the County Surveyor, attend with a view to assisting the Committees to adopt a scheme which will provide a suitable labour test, and which will be otherwise satisfactory, but he will not undertake to attend meetings other than in districts named.

After considerable discussion, the Guardians, on the motion of D. Pye, resolved

The cases of Provisional Relief, and applications for relief, were considered and decided on, as set forth in the Application and Report Books.

The number of Provisional Admissions to the Workhouse confirmed was	-	33
Of these disallowed,	-	0
The number of Applicants admitted to the Workhouse was	-	7

The number of cases of Provisional Outdoor Relief was	-	3
Do. in which Relief was continued by the Guardians	-	0

The number of other Applicants in the Relieving Officers' Books relieved by order of the Guardians was	-	0
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The number of Applicants for whom relief was not ordered was	-	0
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The Bonds and other securities in force were laid before the Guardians by the Clerk, together with his report thereon, as follows: (this on the second Meeting after the Annual Election in every year).

Next Meeting of the Guardians to be held on WEDNESDAY, the 5th day of January 1898.

(Signed), *Robert Mullery*
Clerk of the Union.

by Mr. J. Morris, adopted a resolution as follows. Resolved - That this Board while willing to co-operate with the Government in every way in dealing with the distress by calling meetings to find out what works should be undertaken, and how many labourers should be employed, wish to record their opinion that the expenditure on the present exceptional conditions should be a Government charge, and not, as is suggested, partially imposed on the local rates.

Meetings arranged.

The three Guardians for Arran Islands and ratepayers to meet at Kilmoran on Saturday the 8th proximo, at 1 pm.

The Spiddal Dispensary Committee and ratepayers at Spiddal Dispensary on Monday the 10th proximo, at 1 pm.

The Moycullen Dispensary Committee and ratepayers at Moycullen Dispensary on Tuesday the 11th proximo, at 1 pm.

Major Rutledge has promised to attend these meetings.

The Guardians also ordered a meeting of the Galway Dispensary Committee to be summoned for Tuesday the 4th proximo, at 1 pm, for a similar purpose.

Medical Charities Act (14 & 15 Vic., cap. 68), Vaccination Acts,
and Dispensary Houses Act.

MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians under the above-
mentioned Acts, at a Meeting held on WEDNESDAY, the 29th day
of December, 1897.

PRESENT—In the Chair,

Hyles J. Keaven Esq. J.B.

OTHER GUARDIANS:—

(Same as at page 49)

*An Estimate of Medicines, &c., required by the Medical Officer of
the _____ Dispensary District, approved by the Committee
of Management, was laid before the Board, with a Requisition from the Committee for the
supply of the same, and directions were given thereon as follows:—*

*An Invoice of Medicines forwarded by the Contractor, for the _____
Dispensary District, in pursuance of an Order of the Board in their Minutes
of _____ having been received from him, the Clerk laid the Invoice
before the Board, and was directed to forward the same (or reported that he had forwarded
the same as the case may be), to the Medical Officer of the District, retaining a copy of
the Invoice for the use of the Guardians.*

*On application of the Committee of Management of the _____
Dispensary District, the following supplies of Books, Stationery, Forms, or other requisites
were ordered to be supplied:—*

