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FORM 14.
(ARTICLE 7.)

TABLE (1)—FINANCIAL MINUTES.

Finance Meeting held the.....day of.....190...

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been received during the month of....., and the Ledger entries made in respect of same as follows:—

TABLE (a).		£	s.	d.
County Council, Money supplied on demand of Guardians	...			
Repayment of Relief			
Rents of Dispensary Residences			
Farm Account—Sales of Farm Produce			
Sales of Offal, Old Stores, and other Receipts			
Loans Received			
Total Amount of Lodgments as above			

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was produced and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been ordered for payment in the month of....., and the Ledger entries made in respect of same.

Payments were ordered to be made for accounts as follows, and the authority for the amount thereof was signed for transmission to the Treasurer.

TABLE (b).		£	s.	d.
Sundry Accounts, viz. :—				
Provisions and Necessaries			
Clothing and Bedding			
Establishment :—				
(a) Salaries			
(b) Medicines and Medical and Surgical Appliances			
(c) Farm			
(d) Other Expenses			
Workhouse Burials			
District School Account			
District Hospital Account			
Maintenance in Extern Institutions			
Emigration, Law and other Expenses			
Medical Charities			
Lunacy Fees to Medical Officers			
Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, and of Vaccinations			
Superannuation Allowances			
Assessment and Results Fees of Teachers			
Expenses of Local Committees			
Repayment of Loans			
Relieving Officers' Accounts—Outdoor Relief			
Repayment of Advances under Seed Supply Acts			
Unpaid Bills of last half-year			
Expenditure out of Loans			
Total Amount of Payments ordered as above	...			

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of190.....

	Ordinary Account			Loans Account		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SUMMARY.						
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly Statement			
Total Sums received during the month			
Total			
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly Statement			
Payments ordered during the month			
Total			
Net Balance due—the Union (being difference of above Totals)			
RECONCILEMENT.						
Balance per Bank Book due—Treasurer			
Outstanding Orders			
Net Balance as above due—the Union			

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HOSPITAL REPORT.

WORKHOUSE.				FEVER HOSPITAL.			
Admitted during the Week	23	Admitted during the Week	1
Discharged	...	...	26	Discharged	...	...	0
Died	...	...	3	Died	...	...	1
Remaining	...	...	88	Remaining	...	...	1

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

£4. 5. 3 received for Sales of Broken Stones, and lodged with Treasurer.

John Ward, a Patient in Hospital, was transferred to the Galway Hospital for Special treatment on 23rd inst. By permission of the Medical Officer, Nurse Corless left on a week's vacation on 24th inst, and returned on 30th inst, leaving Nurse E. Coskillo to act as her Substitute, free of expense to the Guardians.

Robert Holmes, a boy hired out with Mr. John Little of Bohernmore, was sent back to the Workhouse on the 26th inst. I found a book in his trunk, showing a deposit of £1 to his credit in Post Office Savings Bank. By order of the Medical Officer, Milk Contractor Pat Lydon, was allowed to resume supplying milk to the Workhouse on 26th inst, his Premises having been put in a Sanitary Condition.

The Steam Boiler Inspector made an external examination of the Boiler on 25th inst.

An inmate named Mary Griffin, forced her way out on the gate on yesterday evening, wearing the Workhouse clothes. She has not since returned.

Order. In future, no inmate to be allowed out of the Workhouse, without a written Pass from the Master.

Workhouse Medical Officer.

I had to send a Patient named John Ward to Galway Hospital for Special ^{treatment} on 23rd inst, being an urgent case.

Approved.

Dr. Dr. Dough.

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):—

6th, 7th, 11 / 07
30th Decr. Stating that they have Sanctioned the Guardians' Proposal to hold an Ordinary Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, the 31st instant.

23rd Decr. From the Dist. Inspector, P. J. C., Gort, Submitting vouchers of expense incurred by Constable Martin Sweeney, attending Sworn Inquiry, re Anne Laffey, at the Board Room, Workhouse, from 11 am on 19th to 5^{1/2} pm on 20th inst. Amount 10⁵/₈.
Order. To be informed that the Guardians will hold themselves responsible, for Payment of this claim, but at present holds ^{it} over awaiting result of the Inquiry.

27th Decr. From Dr. Kinnead, certifying that the Clerk of the Union, Mr. Mullery, is suffering from Laryngitis; that he is confined to bed and unfit for duty.

The Guardians expressed their regret on learning of the Clerk's illness.

Proposed by the Chairman, Seconded by Mr. Dr. Redington, and Resolved - That the Assistant Clerk, Mr. John Gallagher, be appointed as the Clerk's substitute during his illness, on same terms as on former occasions, namely, at the rate of £2-2-0 per week. (Previously Sanctioned in Board Letter No. 39, 909/07, dated 30th August, 1907)

Mr. J. O. Fogarty, Town Hospital Park, who came before the Guardians at their Meeting on 18th inst., and complained of irregularity in sending supplies from the Workhouse to that Hospital, and who was then directed to put the charges in writing for next Meeting of the Guardians, now failed to do so.

Order. That in future the Guardians will not entertain a verbal report from any Officer.

31st Dec. From Mr. J. C. Gleeson, Workhouse Schoolmaster, as follows:-
"With reference to a letter, which I am already aware you had under consideration at your Meeting of 18th inst., from an inmate of the Workhouse named Delia Downes, who was, until recently, a Wardsmaid in the Workhouse, in which she states I committed indecent assault with her, and that she is pregnant, I beg to submit the following explanation in connection with the matter, as requested by you at your Meeting of 18th inst.
In the first place, I beg to draw your attention to the fact that she took up duty as Wardsmaid in the Workhouse on August the first last, after returning from Dublin, where she was employed as a domestic servant for nearly three months, by a Miss Cahill, who was a District Nurse, I'm informed, some time ago in the Galway Union. Secondly, I wish to bring under your notice

the fact which you are already aware of, namely, that on Oct. 23rd I stated in my report of the matter that "the Wardsmaids and some of the female inmates have access to the male side of the house without supervision on the Master's part." The Master explained this portion of the report on Nov. 6th stating that "I ignored the fact that the Sisters were in charge of the Wardsmaids and other women the male side of the house," but on the same date there was a written protest from the Wardsmaids, against my remarks on them, in my report on the matter, and to this protest they wrote their signatures. Of the three Wardsmaids who protested, two tendered their resignation, which were accepted after some discussion, namely, Wardsmaid Downes and Wardsmaid Nikey. Had I indecently assaulted the former, instead of protesting against me, I believe she would now mention my name, and also state the time this action took place. I respectfully beg of you in justice to my character, to request your Medical Officers to examine this inmate, and locate the period as nearly as possible from which her present state of pregnancy would result, as she was only four months and a half in the house on 18th inst. when she mentioned my name as being the person who indecently assaulted her. In her letter to the Master in connection with the case, I noticed that the composition was not consistent with the writing and spelling, for the writing and spelling were bad and composition good, there was some one very likely, helping her against me, although the Master led you to understand on the date of their resignation, viz: - Nov. 6th that they both had secured situations outside, it can be now plainly seen, that the Master was wrong in saying so, for there is one of them back after spending a short time outside living with her mother. In case you do not think this explanation satisfactory, I would suggest you call for a sworn inquiry into the matter."

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Proposed by Mr. Dr. McNeill, Seconded by Mr. P. Lawless,
and Resolved - That we request the L. G. Board to hold
a Swoom Inquiry into the whole circumstances of this case.

Proposed by Mr. P. Ryan, Seconded by Mr. N. Lydon,
and Resolved - That pending such inquiry, we consider
the Schoolmaster's explanation satisfactory.

The Master informed the Guardians that he had invited
the few local drapers who go in for Workhouse Contracts,
to submit tenders for supplying the necessary outfits for boys
and girls about being boarded-out in Glenamaddy Union.
Two tenders were submitted, one from Messrs F. Dr. Dougherty & Co.
for boys' outfits at £1-19-0 and girls at £2-6-0.,
and one from Mr. J. J. Donnellan for boys at £2-5-0 and
girls £2-7-6

Messrs F. Dr. Dougherty & Co.'s tender was accepted.

The Acting Clerk read a copy of a notice posted to each
Guardian of the Union, that at this meeting an estimate of
the liabilities and expenditure of the Union for the
financial year from 31st March next, is to be considered
and a demand made on the County Council to provide
for the amount agreed upon.

The Acting Clerk submitted his estimate, which was examined
Proposed by the Chairman, Seconded by the Vice-Chairman,
and unanimously

Resolved - That we adopt the Acting Clerk's estimate, and that
a demand be made on the County Council to provide for the
sum of £10,987-10-0 in respect of General Charges and
£67 in respect of repayment of Loans. That the Guardians'
Seal be affixed to the demand.

Copy of Demand has been furnished to Co. Council, and a
copy accompanies Minutes to L. G. Board.

Seed Supply.

The Acting Clerk read a copy of notice, Form A, posted to
each Guardian, that, at Meeting today, the Guardians will
take into consideration the question whether the occupiers of
land in any Electoral Division or Divisions of the Union
are generally unable, through poverty and the failure of the
crops, to procure an adequate supply of Seed Potatoes.

Proposed by the Chairman, Seconded by Mr. P. Ryan,
and Resolved - That we, the Board of Guardians of
the Galway Union, do hereby resolve, that we consider
that the occupiers of land in all the Electoral Divisions
of the Union, are generally unable, through poverty and the
extent of the failure of the crops, to procure an adequate
supply of Seed Potatoes and Seed Oats, and that we shall,
at a Meeting to be held on tomorrow three weeks, take
the necessary steps with a view to applying to the Local
Government Board for Ireland for a Loan to purchase
Seed Potatoes and Seed Oats.

Proposed by Mr. P. ^{Ryan,} Cannon, Seconded by Mr. J. Walsh,
and Resolved - That the Relieving Officers be directed
to post up notices Form D, and attend at convenient places
to receive applications of persons requiring Seed, and that they
furnish lists of applicants Forms E, 1 and E, 2, to the Clerk
of the Union not later than Monday, 20th Prose, in order to
enable the Clerk submit the lists with a Summary thereof to
the Guardians at their Meeting on 22nd Prose.

That the Relieving Officers be allowed a fair remuneration for
such work.

Some of the Guardians present, objected to this arrangement,
but a division was not called for.

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Proposed by Mr. P. Carman, Seconded by Mr. M. Davern,
 and unanimously
 Resolved - That the several Rate Collectors of the Union be
 called upon to submit lists for Guardians Meeting on 22nd
 prose. of persons who have not paid for Seed Potatoes
 obtained in 1905.

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

[These Reports are to
 be made up and for-
 warded 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.	Oranmore, _____ defaulters
do. 2, _____ "	Spiddal, _____ "
do. 3, _____ "	Turloughmore, _____ "
Moycullen, _____ "	

were laid before the Guardians, and directions given thereon as follows:—

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	...	58
Ditto disallowed	... ..	0
The number of Applicants admitted to the Workhouse was	...	0
The number of cases of Provisional Out-door Relief was	...	0
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

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.)

Estimates of the Medicines, &c., required by the Medical Officers of the under-
 mentioned Dispensary Districts were laid before the Board, and directions were given
 thereon, as follows:—

Workhouse, Special, Sharpening 2 Knives ^{1/2}, Cyst. Scops. ^{1/2}
 Large Pad Truss, ^{1/6}, and vapour bath £1-2-6. Total Cost about £2-2-0
 Ordered.

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):—

Read Letter from L. G. B. N. 60,902/07 dated 19th December, 1907,

Referring to the Minutes of 27th ult, and requesting that they may be informed whether the defaulters under the Vaccination Acts in the Several Dispensary Districts, have complied with the law.

Order. They are complying fairly well, but as the weather is very severe, they Guardians are not prepared to be very strict in the matter.

18th Decr.

From Dr. Kerwin, Medical Officer of Spiddal Dispensary District, stating that there are 87 bottles containing Medicines belonging to Clarke & Co, late Medicine Contractors, and only about 24 empty. He cannot empty the former, as the Dispensaries are not fitted up with Stock bottles.

20th Decr.

From Messrs. Baileau & Boyd, Medicine Contractors furnishing their account for current half-year, also calling attention to the large balance due for Packages not returned.

Order. To be informed that it has always been the custom to pay Medicines a/c. half-yearly, and that the present Contractors are well aware of this fact.

27th Decr.

From Miss B. N. Hedderman, Midwife, Galway N. 3 (Aran Islands) Dispensary District, stating she is suffering from weakness of the eyes, and that she has been ordered by the Doctor to consult a Specialist in Dublin. Requesting some leave of absence, and adding that there is still a week of her former vacation due.

Granted 2 weeks leave of absence.

¹⁵
The Analyst furnished his report on Samples of Drugs submitted to him from the Drammere Dispensary District.

The original accompanies the Copy of the Minutes, and a Copy has been furnished to the Medical Officer.

GALWAY UNION.

Population in 1901 - **36,465.**

Present Net Annual Value, **£68,707.**

STATE of the Workhouse for the Week ending SATURDAY, the 4th day of January, 1908

No. of Inmates for which accommodation is provided	No. that can be accommodated in each building	Total No. in each building on the above date	Able-Bodied		Aged and Infirm Persons and Adult Persons above 15 years of age but not working		Boys and Girls above 9 and under 15 years of age		Children above 5 and under 9 years of age	Children above 2 and under 5 years of age	Infants under 2 years of age	RETURN OF SICK AND LUNATICS.	
			Males	Fem.	Males	Fem.	Boys	Girls				Number in Hospital on the above date	Number of Lunatics and Idiots in Workhouse on the above date
Workhouse ..	816	304										86	In separate Wards
Temporary Buildings ..	222	18											
Permanent Fever Hosp'l	44	1											
TOTAL ..	1082	363	TOTAL										
Remaining on previous Saturday as per last Return			13	26	120	120	11	3	19	17	17	355	
Admitted during the Week			6	11	7	3	1		2	8	1	39	
Born ..													
TOTAL ..			19	38	131	127	12	3	21	25	18	394	
Discharged during the Week			1	8	3	5			2	5	1	28	
Died ..					2	1						3	
Total Discharged and Died			1	8	5	6			2	5	1	31	
REMAINING ON THE ABOVE DATE			15	31	126	121	12	3	19	20	17	363	

RETURN of DESTITUTE PERSONS relieved out of the Workhouse, as by Relief Lists for the last week ended Saturday, the 4th day of January, 1908, authenticated and laid before the Board of Guardians at this Meeting.

RELIEF DISTRICTS	Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse under to Vict. c. 31. s. 1		Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse, but not comprised in Sec. 1		Total relieved out of the Workhouse		RELIEF DISTRICTS		Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse under to Vict. c. 31. s. 1		Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse, but not comprised in Sec. 1		Total relieved out of the Workhouse	
	Number of Cases relieved	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her	Number of Cases relieved	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her	Cases	Persons	Number of Cases relieved	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her	Number of Cases relieved	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons
No. I.	168	246	"	"	168	246	No. IV.	22	25	"	"	22	25	
No. II.	9	10	"	"	9	10	No. V.	11	12	"	"	11	12	
No. III.	15	25	"	"	15	25	No. VI.	22	31	"	"	22	31	
Car. forwd.	192	281	"	"	192	281	TOTAL	247	349	"	"	247	349	

MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians, at a Meeting held on WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of January, 1908,

PRESENT: In the Chair— J. Cumiffe Esq.

Other Guardians:—

Messrs. P. Ryan, Mr. Ryan, J. F. Ryan, Mr. J. Cooke, and Mr. Donohoe

James Cumiffe
PRESIDING CHAIRMAN.

Next Meeting of the Guardians to be held on WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of January, 1908.

Signed J. Gallagher
Clerk of the Union.

FORM 14.
(ARTICLE 7)

TABLE (1)—FINANCIAL MINUTES.

Finance Meeting held the 8th day of January, 1908

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been received during the month of December, and the Ledger entries made in respect of same as follows:—

TABLE (a).		£	s.	d.
County Council, Money supplied on demand of Guardians	...	1362	0	0
Repayment of Relief	...	16	11	6
Rents of Dispensary Residences	...	"	"	"
Farm Account—Sales of Farm Produce	...	"	"	"
Sales of Offal, Old Stores, and other Receipts	...	"	"	"
Loans Received	...	"	"	"
Total Amount of Lodgments as above	...	1378	11	6

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was produced and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been ordered for payment in the month of December, and the Ledger entries made in respect of same.

Payments were ordered to be made for accounts as follows, and the authority for the amount thereof was signed for transmission to the Treasurer.

TABLE (b).		£	s.	d.
Sundry Accounts, viz. :—				
Provisions and Necessaries	...	386	8	7
Clothing and Bedding	...	21	2	2
Establishment :—				
(a) Salaries	...	377	12	2
(b) Medicines and Medical and Surgical Appliances	...	"	"	"
(c) Farm	...	18	7	2
(d) Other Expenses	...	3	13	8
Workhouse Burials	...	"	"	"
District School Account	...	"	"	"
District Hospital Account	...	"	"	"
Maintenance in Extern Institutions	...	21	12	9
Emigration, Law and other Expenses	...	54	18	0
Medical Charities	...	324	15	6
Lunacy Fees to Medical Officers	...	"	"	"
Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, and of Vaccinations	...	"	"	"
Superannuation Allowances	...	"	"	"
Assessment and Results Fees of Teachers	...	"	"	"
Expenses of Local Committees	...	"	"	"
Repayment of Loans	...	"	"	"
Relieving Officers' Accounts—Outdoor Relief	...	110	0	0
Repayment of Advances under Seed Supply Acts	...	"	"	"
Unpaid Bills of last half-year	...	"	"	"
Expenditure out of Loans	<i>in anticipation</i>	25	0	0
Total Amount of Payments ordered as above	...	1326	0	2

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of December, 1907.

	Ordinary Account			Loans Account		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SUMMARY.						
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly Statement						
Total Sums received during the month	1378	11	6			
Total	1378	11	6			
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly Statement	105	12	6			
Payments ordered during the month	1326	0	2			
Total	1431	12	8			
Net Balance due by the Union (being difference of above Totals)	53	3	2			
RECONCILEMENT.						
Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer	1287	1	6			
Outstanding Orders	1340	4	8			
Net Balance as above due by the Union	53	3	2			

HOSPITAL REPORT.

WORKHOUSE.				FEVER HOSPITAL.			
Admitted during the Week	...	...	12,	Admitted during the Week	...	...	0
Discharged	...	...	9	Discharged	...	...	0
Died	...	...	2	Died	...	...	0
Remaining	...	...	91	Remaining	...	...	1

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

Mary Faherty entered on her duties as Wardsmaid in the Workhouse on the 1st instant.

Michael Kenny, Ambulance Driver, was admitted a patient to Hospital on the 4th inst. He has not been at work since the 30th ult. I have an inmate named Pat.

Flaherty, doing his duty.

Proposed by Mr. Dr. Ryan, Seconded by Mr. Dr. J. Cooke, and Resolved—That Kenny be allowed full wages during his illness.

A considerable portion of the rendering done by the Slater over the drying-closet in the Workhouse, has fallen down during the frost. He has promised to put it up again.

Anne Brennan, whom I reported on 20th November last, as having been admitted to Hospital, after giving birth to an illegitimate child, has now been transferred to the body of the Workhouse. I understand she is a native of Portlanna Union.

Order The Master to inform this girl that she and her child will have to leave, and seek refuge in the Workhouse of her native Union.

Please examine 16 yards of Frieze sent in by the Contractor Examined, approved, and ordered into Stock.

A Guardian drew attention to the order made at Meeting on 18th ult. directing the Master to have three inmates of the Workhouse prosecuted, for committing assaults on other inmates, which order the Master had failed to carry out.

Order. The Master to be cautioned, that in future he must carry out the Guardian's instructions without delay. The inmates referred to, to be now prosecuted.

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):—

65,927/07
3rd January 08. Transmitting a communication which the Board have received from the Commissioners of National Education, relating to the District Inspector's last report on the Workhouse Model School, also the duplicate extract from the General Report dated 7th Novr, 1906.

Report of Examination held on 21st November, 1907.
" General Condition of School. Good. The School has
" been considerably improved since the last inspection,
" and the proficiency has been raised to a fairly good
" standard. It must be noted, however, that no promotions
" have been made during the year. The School Programme
" is still very limited in extent. Singing and Object
" lessons should now be introduced; and the methods,
" especially those employed in teaching the Infants, should
" be better adapted to present requirements. The cleanliness

"of the Pupils should be more vigilantly attended to."
"School Register is in arrears."

Order A copy of this report to be furnished to the Schoolmaster.

3rd Jan. '08 From Miss Redington of Teelcarn, stating that Mrs. Halloran of Clonbridge, would be glad to again take out the child Mary O'Brien to Nurse, she having had her on a previous occasion.

Order The child Mary O'Brien to be boarded out with Mrs. Halloran on same terms as on previous occasion.

6th Jan. '08 From the British Engine, Boiler & Electrical Insurance Co., stating that one of their Inspectors made an ordinary inspection of the Workhouse Boiler on 27th ult., and where seen found it in working order.

7th Jan. '08 From Dr. N. Grealy, Apothecary of the Workhouse and Galway No. 14 Dispensary, stating that he has not felt well for past 10 days, and requesting a fortnight's leave of absence. Stating the Medical Officers will attend to his duties.
Granted 2 weeks leave of absence.

8th Jan. '08 From an inmate of the Workhouse named John Flaherty, stating that he has been driving the Workhouse Ambulance for past 3 weeks, and will continue to do so, if he is allowed 5/- a week, with rations and sleeping apartment.

Order The Master to arrange with the Ambulance Driver Kenny's Son to do the work at 12/- a week; failing him to offer the inmate Flaherty rations but no pay; and should he refuse, to try and employ some man from the town at 12³/₄ a week.

8th Jan. '08 From Mr. J. P. Fogarty, Fever Hosp. Gate Parls, as follows:-

Gate Lodge, Fever Hospital,

Galway, 8th January, 1908.

The Presiding Chairman and Members of
the Galway Board of Guardians.

As directed by the Board at a Meeting held on the 18th Decr., 1907, I now submit in writing some of the things which I beg to bring under your notice with the object of having them remedied.

Admission of patients to Hospital. I will take this first.

I beg to state that I have not power to admit any without first having an order from the Master, and this I cannot get the Master to do except in a most irregular way. When Mr. O'Donoghue is absent I get no card. When the Master is notified about a patient or patients to be sent to Hospital, the first thing he should do is to notify me, then I could tell the nurse in charge, so that beds could be prepared for them. This has not been done in the past.

Notice of Death. I would also ask whenever Mr. O'Donoghue is absent, that notice of death be submitted here before being sent out, so that the wrong people would not be notified. This has occurred.

Number of patients admitted. Since I got first card on Sept. 22nd, 1905, to Decr. 23rd, 1907, is 224. Number shown by cards 98, difference 126.

Funerals. Invariably when a patient dies other than Dr. M'Donoghue's, I receive verbal orders from the Master, countermanding the orders of the other Doctor. This is rather confusing to me, and as a rule it annoys and excites the friends of the deceased, and sometimes has caused serious trouble. I will give you here a case in point.

The application of the Workhouse Shoemaker for an increase of wages, was adjourned for a fortnight.

Relieving Officers O'Sullivan and Walsh, furnished reports on the children boarded-out and hired-out in their respective Districts.

Copies furnished to L. G. Board.

Poor Law (Ireland) (House of Commons) Order, 1907.
Clerk's Monthly Report.

The forms of return have, up to date, been duly filed in by the Workhouse Master and the several Relieving Officers, and checked by me.

Proposed by Mr. Dr. J. Cooke, Seconded by Mr. J. Cummins, and unanimously

Resolved - That as our next Weekly Meeting would fall on 15th instant, same day as Urban Council Elections, and as almost all the Town Guardians are seeking election as Urban Councillors and would be unable to attend the Guardian's Meeting on that date, no Meeting be now held until the 22nd instant. Notice to this effect to be posted to each Member.

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Order copy to be furnished to the Board, and the Relieving Officers to be called for the same. Name also to get copies of the same.