

cal men have supported him. The amount of alcohol which may be daily consumed with benefit to the individual is an ounce or an ounce and a half, according to the constitution. Translated into the vernacular of the table, this would mean about two ordinary glasses of whisky or brandy and water; two good glasses of bitter or stout, half a pint of claret, or a quarter of a pint of sherry or port. Temperance authorities, of course, are mightily indignant, and much puzzled to account for an increasing horror of intemperance among all classes existing side by side with a large increase in the consumption of liquor.

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AT the Thames Police Court last week, Charles William Genery, master of the Bancroft-road (Mile end) Workhouse, and Edward Lauderdale, manager to Messrs. Dobinson, Stewart & Co., of Watling-street, City, surrendered to their bail to answer a charge of defrauding the Guardians of Mile-End Old Town. Detective-sergeant Godley proved the arrest of the prisoners, and, in answer to Mr. Gill, said that Lauderdale had made a statement to the effect that no goods of an inferior quality had been sent in. They were all equal to sample. The Guardians had more than value for their money, and the firm he represented had lost about £100 by the contract. Genery had not benefited one farthing by the transaction. Mr. W. Thacker, clerk to the Guardians, produced a contract entered into between the firm of Messrs. Dobinson, Stewart & Co., and the guardians to supply goods at certain prices, and stated that the charges made for the articles were largely in excess of the contract price. Various items, however, were corrected by the master, and on August 17 there was a meeting of the Guardians, to which he was summoned. The Chairman told Genery that certain circumstances had come to their knowledge which they thought required explanation from him. Genery said "Well Gentlemen, I yielded to the temptation, and did pass goods in a manner that I ought not to have done. I am very sorry for it, and I hope you will deal as leniently with me as you can." The Chairman said, "Mr. Genery, I suppose it was for a consideration?" and Genery replied, "Yes." On August 24 Lauderdale called on witness, and said the contract had been sent in without any idea of its being accepted, the object being to keep the firm's name before the guardians. He also said his firm would lose considerably on the contract, notwithstanding which they would willingly repay the Guardians the amount they had been overcharged. He also said he had asked the

master to help them over their difficulty as far as he could. After some further evidence, both defendants were committed for trial.

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It is well known that a considerable amount of irritation is felt in the Sister Kingdom as to the alleged unfair neglect of medical talent in Scotland and Ireland so far as the Government appointments are concerned. This found expression last week in the following questions and answers in the House of Commons:—

Dr. KENNY asked the Secretary of State for War whether he had considered the memorial recently addressed to him by the Scotch medical licensing bodies on the subject of the recent changes in the method of appointing examiners for the Army Medical Service, which complained of the new arrangements as an unjust monopoly in favour of the English medical corporations, and as a measure of centralization tending to attract students to the London medical schools and tending to aggravate the evils of the cramming system; whether the objections urged against the system by the Scotch colleges were in the main identical with those previously urged against it by the Irish colleges; and whether he had taken any, and, if so, what steps to alter the new system.

Mr. CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.—The memorial, which is in the main identical with that received from the Irish colleges, has been under my consideration, and I have replied to it that the new system involves no such monopoly as is apprehended, as I already explained on the 21st ult. in answer to my hon. friend the member for Stirlingshire.

Mr. JACKS.—Having regard to this very important matter, has the right hon. gentleman no explanation to offer as to the reason of these extraordinary appointments?

Mr. CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.—They do not require explanation, and the appointments were not extraordinary.

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THE following statement which recently was made to the East Grinstead Board of Guardians is interesting as showing the duties of the Local Sanitary Authorities in providing for the isolation of cases of infectious disease:—"The question of the provision of an infectious hospital he asked the Guardians to consider as a matter of principle. The work of isolation, he pointed out, belonged to the Rural Sanitary Authority, although they could

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