THE PARNELL COMMISSION

SEVENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

EXAMINATION OF CAPTAIN O'SHEA.

The Special Commission, consisting of Sir James Hannen (president), Mr. Justice Day, and Mr. Justice Smith, constituted to inquire into the charges and allegations contained in the *Times* publication, "Parnellism and Crime," sat again yesterday at the Royal Courts of Justice. The same counsel as before were engaged. Mr. Parnell was present at the opening, and Mr. Davitt, Mr. Biggar, and Mr. T. Healy appeared in their own interests. On the Commissioners taking their seats,

The Attorney-General for the *Times* applied for permission to interpose at this stage the evidence of Mr. O'Shea, who had to go to Spain on business.

Sir Charles Russell (for Mr. Parnell) said it would be impossible to cross-examine Mr. O'Shea, as he must be cross examined, at this stage of the case. Therefore, if Mr. O'Shea required to go on business to Spain, he must come back again.

The Attorney-General said Mr. O'Shea had been subpœnaed by both sides, and, therefore, he could not understand why he should not be cross-examined that day.

Sir Charles Russell said Captain O'Shea should be informed that he would be required to attend at a later stage by their lordships.

The Attorney-General said their lordships would form a judgment, after Mr. O'Shea's evidence in chief was given, whether he should be cross-examined at once.

Sir C. Russell.—No.

The Attorney-General.—Sir Charles Russell is not the judge.

Sir C. Russell.—Nor are you.

The Attorney-General.—You are giving judgment in your own case. After the examination in chief you can apply for a postponement of the cross-examination.

Sir C. Russell.—I consider that it is convenient to make the application now.

The President.—Mr. Attorney-General, of course, acting on your statement that it is desirable to secure for the information of the Commission ...

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ST. PAUL'S EYE AND EAR HOSPITAL.

GENEROSITY OF THE MAYOR.

The annual meeting of the friends and subscribers of the above-named institution was held in the Town Hall, yesterday, under the presidency of the Mayor (Mr. T. W. Oakshott). Among those present were the Rev. Canon Major Lester, Mr. George E. Walker, F.R.C.S., honorary surgeon; Dr. G. C. A. Moir, M.D., honorary assistant surgeon; Mr. P. B. M'Quie, honorary secretary and treasurer; Messrs. E. Morgan, W. Norman, D. F. Pennefather, Walter H. Wilson, and others.

The Secretary (Mr. M'Quie) read the annual report, which stated that the receipts for the year from subscriptions, donations, special donations, and rents amounted to £588 0s. 2d., against ... 0s. 3d. last year. The receipts from patients on account of board, eyes and spectacles, pence, drugs and medicine, were £321 18s. 10d., as against £332 2s. 4½d. last year. The total receipts for the present year were £914 19s., and the expenditure £1003 8s. 5d., leaving a deficiency of £88 9s. ... It was not fair, the committee said, to compare the past year's working of the hospital with that of the year 1886-87, when a special appeal was made for funds, but rather with the ... of the year 1885-86, by which it would appear that the deficiency was less by the amount ... £18 16s. 2d. The annual deficiency had been almost normal in its character. In 1885-6, the deficiency was £228 1s. 11d.; in 1886-7, £10 3s. ...; in 1887-8, £88 9s. 5d.; total, £327 12s. 4d. ... was becoming a very serious matter when it was remembered that there was a heavy burden of liabilities, amounting to £691 10s. 7d., to discharge. The committee desired to call earnest attention to this fact. At the same time, it might be observed that the late Mayor Poole's bequest, estimated to produce about £300, would, when received, materially relieve the hospital resources from immediate financial pressure. They again urged upon friends the expediency of individual and united action to raise the sum of £300 in order to prevent the retrogression of this very valuable institution. A summary of the cases dealt with showed that a total number of 2840 cases of the eye and 5[illegible]9 of the ear, and 18[illegible] unclassed cases, a total of 3582 new cases, had been dealt with during the year, whilst 39[illegible] cases carried from the previous year brought the gross total up to ... against 35[illegible]0 in 1886-7 and 3675 in 1885-6. Of the past year's cases, 81 had indoor treatment. The total number of attendances during the year was 19,156, as against [illegible]0,10[illegible] in 1886-7, 19,696 in ...

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