

Letter to the Editor of the Cork Examiner.
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SIR.-I have much pleasure in stating that potatoes and corn are promising and most abundant. The former for the quantity planted, not inconsiderable, is by many degrees superior to what we have had, at this season any year for the last ten. Amongst them there is not the least appearance of disease.

In this opinion I am confirmed by the testimony of members of Relief Committees and farmers from Kinsale to Ballincollig.

I am sorry I cannot say that disease does not exist amongst the human beings. Fever is almost in every house in the villages of Ballinhassig and the half way to Bandon. Every cabin in the Mountain part of Inniskenny Electoral District is infected-and not one particle of food or medicine is given to relieve those destitute people by the Relief Committee. I attended this committee meeting to-day, and although their wants were admitted by every member, nothing was done save to request the Commissioners of relief to send us some Medical Inspectors. I suggested to have the houses and habitations of the poor washed with lime and otherwise purified ; but this was considered by one of our leading members a matter very difficult to be done. So then the poor sick people are now, all hands idle from public works, to live or die without medical aid. It has been stated also that as sufficient accomodation is in the Union Workhouse for all old and helpless people, there, and there alone, are they to be supported, that any rations given them at the long-withheld food depots would render the accounts and expenditure of such depot incapable of being passed by the Cork Finance Committee.

I am satisfied that such is not the law and I am sure the gentlemen acting on that Finance Committee, whose names our former chairman mentioned, are incapable of doing the poor such injustice.

I am, Mr. Editor, your truly,
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