'In witness whereof, the conveying and other parties have hereunto set their hands and 'seals, the day of .

'Signed, sealed, and delivered by the said

'in the presence of of .'

One witness to the execution of the document by each party shall be sufficient, and any assurance under this Act shall be and continue valid if otherwise lawful, although the donor or grantor shall die within twelve calendar months from the execution thereof.

Ecclesiastical Commissioners may accept trusts.

5. The persons herein-before specified may convey, by way of gift, sale, or exchange, any site or sites, not exceeding in the case of any one site the quantity aforesaid, for any of the purposes of the Church Building Acts, to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, or as such Commissioners may direct, and such Commissioners may also act as trustees for the purpose of taking and holding any sites granted under this Act; and all conveyances made under this present enactment shall be deemed to be made under the Church Building Acts, and the land conveyed shall vest in conformity with such conveyances and the Church Building Acts.

Extent of Act.

6. The provisions of this Act shall not extend to Scotland or Ireland.

Short title.

7. This Act may be cited as "The Places of Worship Sites Act, 1873."

CHAPTER 51.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Superannuation of Prison Officers in Ireland. [28th July 1873.]

WHEREAS by the several enactments set forth in the schedule to this Act annexed provision is made for the superannuation of certain officers of prisons in Ireland, but such provision is not satisfactory or sufficient, and it is therefore expedient to repeal the said enactments, and to make the like provision for the superannuation of such officers of prisons in Ireland as has been made for the superannuation of officers of prisons in England by section fifteen of the Prisons Act, 1865:

28 & 29 Vict. c. 126.

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Prison Officers Superannuation (Ireland) Act, 1873."

Interpretation of terms.

2. In this Act the term "county" shall extend to and include county of a city, county of a town, county of a town and city, city and county, and borough in which there is a grand jury or a town council exercising the powers of a grand jury as to presentments:

The term "grand jury" shall, as regards any borough the town council of which is authorised to make presentments or levy rates for any of the purposes of this Act, be held to include such council:

The term "officer" shall mean and include local inspector, chaplain, medical officer, surgeon of the county infirmary who has given his attendance and professional assistance as medical officer, without any other or further fee than his salary as such surgeon, to the prisoners and others in the gaol of such county, governor, and all other officers and servants of the prison.

Enactments in schedule repealed.

3. From and after the passing of this Act the enactments mentioned in the schedule to this Act annexed shall be and the same are hereby repealed: Provided that such repeal shall not affect the past operation of any enactment hereby repealed nor any annuity, pension, superannuation, retiring allowance, or gratuity heretofore granted and payable under the authority of any such enactment to any officer of any prison; and provided

also, that any such officer to whom any such annuity, pension, superannuation, retiring allowance, or gratuity has been so granted shall be entitled to claim and be paid such annuity, pension, superannuation, retiring allowance, or gratuity at the same times and subject to the same conditions in every respect and just as if such enactment had not been repealed.

Superannuation of officers.

4. If any officer of any prison has been an officer of such prison for not less than twenty years, and is not less than sixty years of age, or becomes incapable from confirmed sickness, age, or infirmity, or injury received in actual execution of his duty, of executing his office in person, and such sickness, age, infirmity, or injury is certified by a medical certificate, and there shall be a report of the "Board of Superintendence" testifying to his good conduct during his period of service, and recommending a grant to be made to him, the grand jury of the county in which such prison is situate may, upon the recommendation of the Inspectors General of Prisons, or one of them, at the assizes, or, as regards the county and city of Dublin, at the presenting term next after the date of such report, grant to such officer, having regard to his length of service, an annuity by way of superannuation allowance, not exceeding two thirds of his salary and emoluments, or a gratuity not exceeding the amount of his salary and emoluments for one year, and any such annuity or gratuity shall from time to time, without application to presentment sessions, and in the case of the county and city of Dublin at the presenting term, be presented by the grand jury, and shall be levied in like manner in every respect as the salary of such officer was previously levied; provided, that the salary and emoluments of any surgeon of any infirmary to whom any superannuation allowance or gratuity is granted under this Act, shall, for the purpose of ascertaining such superannuation allowance or gratuity, be deemed to be the salary and emoluments paid to such surgeon as surgeon of such county infirmary; provided also, that no superannuation allowance or gratuity under this Act shall be granted to any surgeon of any county infirmary so long as he continues to be the surgeon of such county infirmary.

Annuities, &c. not assignable, &c.

5. Any annuity or gratuity granted to any prison officer under this Act shall be payable to or in trust for such officer only, and shall not be assignable or chargeable with his debts or other liabilities.

SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Act.

6 & 7 William IV. chap. 116. sect. 125.
3 & 4 Victoria, chap. 44. sect. 5.
19 & 20 Victoria, chap. 68. sect. 23.

CHAPTER 52.

An Act for the Relief of Widows and Children of Intestates where the personal estate is of small value. [28th July 1873.]

WHEREAS many poor persons die intestate, possessed of property of small amount, and it is desirable to increase the facilities for taking out letters of administration to their estates and effects, and to reduce the expenses attending the same:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

For purposes of Act application may be made to a

1. Where the whole estate and effects of an intestate shall not exceed in value the sum of one hundred pounds, his widow or any one or more of his children, provided such widow or children respectively shall reside at a distance exceeding three miles from