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As respects money spent at the picnics, he admitted he had spent about \$30 at one held by the Roman Catholics on 1st July; and on the same day he attended another held by the Sons of England Association, at which he spent the sum of \$175. At this last there was, what appears to be very common now in the country, contests for prizes dependent on votes cast for particular persons. On this occasion there was one between himself and Mr. Gibbs, for a pitcher (worth some \$40 or \$50) to be given to the wife of the successful party. The persons voting paid a small sum of money for each vote; the respondent among others voted for himself, while others voted for Mr. Gibbs, among whom was a person named Dingle, hereafter mentioned, who cast no less than one thousand votes for him. The object of these contests was to raise money for the society, and I confess I can see no impropriety in what was done by the respondent. It is to be observed that none of those gifts or expenditures were made to any political association; they were, particularly as respects the Rifle Association, to bodies which, in all probability, were composed of men of both political parties. The respondent has also sworn that the election was never mentioned or alluded to in the slightest degree in reference to any of these gifts or charities, and no evidence was called to contradict him.

By section 92 of 37 Vic., chap. 9, every person who, directly or indirectly, by himself, or by any other person on his behalf, gives, lends, or agrees to give or lend, or offers or promises any money or valuable consideration, or promises to procure, or to endeavor to procure, any money or valuable consideration to or for any voter, or to or for any person on behalf of any voter, or to or for any person in order to induce any voter to vote or refrain from voting, or corruptly does any act as aforesaid, on account of such voter having voted or refrained from voting at any election, shall be deemed guilty of bribery.