

MELANCHOLY CATASTROPHE.

Between the hours of ten and eleven o'clock, on the night of Sunday last, a house situated at the lower end of Creagh-lane, directly opposite to the Augustinian Friary, gave way, with a dreadful crash, involving in its ruins the unfortunate inmates—The immense size of the house, five stories high, and all occupied, renders the calamity the greater, as the number of inhabitants were consequently increased. From every account that we can collect, we find that at the moment of its falling, there were thirty two people, young and old, in the house, of which three were killed—one of whom an old woman, Elenor O'Neill, was got out with considerable difficulty yesterday morning at about eleven o'clock, and the remaining two, Michael and John Connors, were taken up at about one—these young men were brothers, and had been only six weeks in town—they were natives of Kerry in this county, and had come here, together with their father for the purpose of procuring employment as labourers.—It is worthy of remark, that two pigs which lay near those unfortunate young men received no injury. Immediately on the falling of the house, a great number of people assembled, we shall not say, merely to witness the scene of horror and desolation which here presented itself, but actuated by the laudable desire of rendering every assistance in their power; and to the active and timely exertions that were made, many of the wounded are indebted for life—No sooner had the intelligence been conveyed to the Mayor than he repaired to the spot, accompanied by Colonel Creagh, 93d Highlanders, who was officer of the night, Alderman Wilkinson, Alderman Waton, and many other Gentlemen, all of whom entered heart and hand into the still terrific ruin, forgetting personal safety in their sympathy for the sufferings of others; there was but one feeling on the occasion, and all acted under the operation of that feeling without reflecting, that, perhaps the next moment, the adjoining house, equally terrific in appearance, might entomb them by its fall—but this consideration, if there were any who entertained it, gave way to the heart-rending cries of the unfortunate beings whose agony from the wounds and bruises they had received, called for immediate aid.—A party of the 93d regt. were wisely stationed at different places to keep off the crowd, in order to prevent those who were actually employed, from being in anywise obstructed.—Thus were nine of the wounded rescued from the death which seemed to threaten them—the contusions were examined by some of the Medical Gentlemen who attended, and whose active benevolence in the discharge of that professional duty claims our most unqualified approbation. Cars having been procured, they were removed to the County Hospital, where, we are happy to say, from the attention they have received, they are all in a fair way of recovery.—In addition to those we have named, we must not neglect to advert to the exemplary exertions of Captain G. Fitzgerald, Mr. J. H. Cantrell (but lately recovered from a severe illness), Mr. T. Taylor, Mr. T. O'Meara, and Mr. John Howard, who were there from the very commencement, and unremittingly employed to the last moment.—Tremendous as the appearance of the next house was, with an enormous chimney, and a part of the crazy fabric, which was attached to it overhanging, & threatening with destruction those who should venture beneath it—Alderman Wilkinson and Captain Fitzgerald intrepidly led the way to this awful spot, where lay some of the then helpless people, who from the bruises they had sustained, their extreme consternation, and the rubbish which surrounded them, were incapable of assisting themselves—Led on by the example of these Gentlemen, numbers followed, and sixteen were promptly released from their painful situation.—The father of the two men killed was one of those saved—feeling it give way, he called on his sons, and got into an arch-way in the wall, where he remained until he was extricated from the ruin—A Mr. Williams, (grandson to the eminent architect of that name) was also saved, and stated on examination at the inquest holden on the bodies by Alderman Wilkinson, yesterday, (on account of the indisposition of the Mayor, from the severe fatigue he underwent the preceding night) that previous to bed time, he perceived an opening between the ceiling and the wall of his room, and on observing to a fellow-lodger, (who laughed at the idea) that the old fabric would come down, he felt the floor give way, but recollects nothing after.—The verdict of the Jury was "That Elenor O'Neill, Michael Connors, and John Connors had come by their death in consequence of the falling of an old house."—Several dogs, cats, and rats, were found dead in the rubbish.—The perilous situation of many houses in the old town, demand immediate investigation, and we are confident that those whose peculiar province it is, will not suffer the lives of the citizens to be subjected to a consequence so fatal as this has been, by neglecting to remove the evil which threatens them. The Medical Gentlemen who attended, were Surgeons Graydon, Thwaites, Wilkinson, jun. and Hunt, and Messrs. Grace and Dungan. If we have neglected to notice the praise-worthy conduct of all who assisted on the occasion, it is rather to be attributed to want of observation in the general confusion, than an unwillingness to yield that tribute of public respect to their individual merits. Just as we were going to press, we learn that the Sessions Grand Jury who have been inspecting the buildings in the Old Town, have condemned a number of houses which they considered as unsafe—the principal part of Castle Street is to be taken down.—It is requested that any person knowing of any such, will give information thereof to some of the Grand Jury. It is a remarkable circumstance, that a boy, who had been in the attic storey, was precipitated from thence into the street, and escaped unhurt! The bodies of the Connors have just passed by our Office for interment.

DREADFUL OCCURRENCE!—A dreadful occurrence took place at Wigton (Cumberland) on Sunday 20th April.—Anne Graham, wife of Wm. Graham, blacksmith, murdered two of her children by strangulation, left another for dead, and afterwards cut her own throat!!! The following particulars have reached us:—On Saturday afternoon last she dressed herself and took her children for a walk, a circumstance, with her, very unusual on such a day. She went with them to a small stream of water, and looking into it, remarked that it was not deep enough, and they would come another time. On Sunday morning, she strongly persuaded her husband to go to church, and when she laid out his Sunday clothes, she gave him a black silk handkerchief instead of a white one. He enquired the reason, and asked for a white one. His wife said to him in a singular tone—'What! would you not wear it if we all lay dead?' Mr. Graham took no particular notice of this wildness, and went to church. As soon as he was gone, she called the children into the house, and locked the door. After washing them, she gave the oldest (a boy about nine years of age) an infant to hold, which was sucking at the breast, and then took one of the other children into an adjoining room, put it to death by strangling it with her hands, and then laid it into a bed. She returned for another, which she strangled in the same manner. When she came for the third, the boy, before mentioned, enquired what she was doing, and observed, he thought she was killing the children. She replied that she would let him soon see what she was doing with them, and went into the room with the

MR. BRAHAM.

This Evening, for the first time, this Gentleman performs in the Assembly Rooms here—The repute he has ever been held in as a Vocalist of the very first order, is too well known, and too generally allowed, to require that assertion on our part—To all the delightful execution of the Italian, he adds all the sweet simplicity of the British stile, at one moment firing the imagination with wonder and surprise—the next delighting the ear and touching the heart, by the magic melody of "Music's note" embodied in the very soul and essence of a harmony that is rarely attained, never surpassed. The selection for this Evening is extremely beautiful, many of his own composition, which are esteemed the finest productions of the kind. He has been accompanied here by Miss JOHNSTONE, of the Theatre Royal, Crow-Street, who will be remembered by all who have heard her, as a very sweet Singer.—The price of admission must be considered moderate, when it is recollected that Mr. BRAHAM performs but two Evenings, and incurs considerable expences.—When Madame CATALANI gave Oratorios in the Cathedral, her charge was 10s. yet she was honored with a crowded auditory every time—If she is the first Female Vocal Performer, the Gentleman we now speak of, is indisputably the first Male—We shall not be surprised to see an overflowing House—we hope, and we confidently expect it.—We perceive that Mr. OSBORNE has kindly tendered his services to Mr. BRAHAM, and is to preside at the Grand Piano.

BIRTH, At Conde, in France, the Lady of Colonel Hugh Halket, C. B. of a daughter—The Lady of Lieut. Colonel Holdane, of a son, her seventeenth child, of whom fifteen are living—In London, the Lady of Admiral Sir George Cockburn, of a daughter—In Yorkshire, the Hon. Mrs. Edward Stoughton, of a son.—On Saturday at her father's house in this city, the lady of Dr. Kennedy, of Shanagolden, in this co. of a son. DIED. Yesterday morning, in Ennis, much regretted by his family and friends, Thomas Browne, Esq. late of Ballydoag—The Rev. John Hickey, P. P. Burreisoleigh—In Patrick street, Mrs. Tracy, relict of the late Mr. Pat Tracy.

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HAS the honor of acquainting the Nobility, Gentry, and Inhabitants of Limerick and its Vicinity, that at the particular desire of many Families of the highest respectability, he will for Two Nights only, on TUESDAY and THURSDAY, the 6th and 8th May, offer a VOCAL ENTERTAINMENT at the Assembly Rooms, on Charlotte's Quay. The arrangement of the Songs and his best exertions, will evince the respect he entertains for those individuals at whose desire he has visited this City. Miss JOHNSTONE, from the Theatre Royal, Crow Street, has been pleased to accompany him.

- ENTERTAINMENT for TUESDAY, MAY 6. INSTRUMENTAL. Song—By Miss Johnstone. Air—By Mr. Braham, "The Bewildered Maid," from the Opera of Kais. INSTRUMENTAL. Song—Miss Johnstone. Duetto—Miss Johnstone and Mr. Braham, "When thy bosom heaves the sigh," from the Opera of Narensky, Air—Mr. Braham, "My heart with love is beating," INSTRUMENTAL. Song—Mr. Braham, "The death of Gen. Sir Ralph Abercrombie," ACT II.

- INSTRUMENTAL. Sacred Recitative & Air, entitled "Japhtha's rash vow of Sacrificing his Daughter, and his Reflections" Recitative—"Deeper and deeper"— Air, "Waft her Angels," composed by Song—Miss Johnstone. Air—Mr. Braham—the celebrated Ballad of "Robin Adair." INSTRUMENTAL. Duetto—Echo—Miss Johnstone & Mr. Braham. INSTRUMENTAL. Air—Mr. Braham, "Queen Mary's Lamentations." Song—Miss Johnstone. Air—Mr. Braham,—"The death of Lord Nelson," from the Opera of the American—the Poetry by J. Arnold Esq. the Music by Braham.

FINALE. At the particular request of Mr. BRAHAM, Mr. OSBORNE will accompany him in some of the Songs, on the Grand Piano Forte. Doors open at Seven—Entertainments to commence at Eight o'clock.

ADMITTANCE, 5s. 10d. Tickets to be had at Messrs CORBETTS' Music Ware House, Patrick Street—at the different Newspaper Offices—and of Mr. OWENS, 56, Catherine Street. Limerick, May 6, 1817.

County of Limerick. PRESENTMENT BOOKS, &c. &c. FOR SPRING ASSIZES, 1817.

THE Printer to the Grand Jury of said County, gives Notice, that Printed BOOKS, containing the PRESENTMENTS granted at last Assizes; also Books of the Queries undischarged after said Assizes are now ready for delivery, at the Office of the Secretary, JOHN GABBETT, Esq. Rutland Street, Hibernia Printing Office, 25, George's Street, Limerick, May 6, 1817.

In the Matter of JOHN MEADE, THOS. & EDMOND FENNEL, Bankrupts. TAKE Notice that you are hereby required to pay the Rent and arrears of Rent due and to grow due by you out of the several Holdings and Premises in the City and Liberties of Limerick, and out of the Lands of VIOLET BANK, in the County of Tipperary, held by you under the said Bankrupt, John Meade, Thos. & also the accruing Rents thereof, to Robert H. Madson, John Staunton, and Thomas Kean, Esqrs. the Assignees in this matter—and I hereby caution you from paying same to any person but to the said Assignees or their Agent, and in case you pay same to any other person but to said Assignees or their Agent, contrary to this notice, you will be proceeded against by said Assignees, for recovery thereof. Dated this 7th day of March 1817. MATHEW BARRINGTON, Agent to the Assignees.

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In the Matter of MEADE & FENNEL. The Sale of CATTLE, Will take place on WEDNESDAY, And of WINES on THURSDAY, At the STORE, in MARY-STREET. Limerick, May 6, 1817.

MISS TAYLOR HAVING signified to Madame and Miss LAURYN her intention to decline a continuance of her association with them, and being much flattered by the encouragement she has received from some of the most respectable Families in this City and Vicinity, respectfully informs those kind Friends and the Public that she will on the Tenth day of this Month, at her commodious and well-situated House in Catherine Street, open a BOARDING SCHOOL for YOUNG LADIES. That the plan of Education which Miss TAYLOR has adopted, is highly approved of, may be ascertained by the references she can make to some Personages in the highest rank in & about Dublin, Cork & Limerick; and she is humbly, yet confidently assured, that the Friends of the young Ladies who may be entrusted to her care, shall be enabled to attest their approval also; as no exertion shall be wanting on Miss Taylor's part to promote their advancement in every branch of Education, for the further accomplishment of which, she will have the best masters in every department, and she has engaged a French Lady, whose ability in teaching her native Language, and Italian, is well known to many competent judges in Limerick. For her Terms, &c. &c. Miss Taylor will be obliged by a reference being made to her Cards.—No Vacation given this Summer. Limerick, May 2.

FEMALE EDUCATION. THE Public are respectfully informed, that a BOARDING and DAY SCHOOL for YOUNG LADIES, under the particular patronage of some families of distinction, will be opened on the 10th of May next, in the House No. 6, Mallow-street, by Madame Laurent and Miss Worrall. The resident Teachers by whom this Establishment will be conducted, combine as great an extent of varied and elegant acquirement, as any Seminary in this Kingdom can offer; the system will comprehend all those branches of embellished and useful accomplishments, which, in the present state of elegant society are essential in forming a good Education. It is the intention of the Proprietors, to remove to a larger House, as soon as a suitable one can be provided. Limerick, May 2.

NOTICE, The Directors of the Corporation of the Chamber of Commerce of Limerick, WILL receive Proposals, until the 9th Day of next Month, for Erecting a BEACON or TOWER, upon the SCARLET ROCK, in the River SHANNON, according to a Plan, Section, and Specification, which may be seen at their Rooms in the Commercial Buildings.

