

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE, WEDNESDAY EVENING,

LIMERICK RACES.

Annual sports commenced yesterday, and for years the weather did not prove so beautiful. The course, which is one of the best in the country as regards view and extent, was in excellent condition while the Stewards left nothing undone to secure to the importance and gaiety of the meeting. The arrangements were got up under their management and the attendance in a style highly creditable. The race was not so numerous on the first day as expected; but for style and fashion, the "turn out" could not be surpassed, a long line of carriages occupied the ladies of respectability and distinction having drawn up in front of the grand stand, which was surrounded by sporting characters, military officers, and refreshment booths were not numerous, but in keeping with the improved advancement of the day, for neatness, comfort, and a supply of every good. A most remarkable feature in the programme, and a circumstance which we feel pleased to record, was the improved appearance of the racing classes generally; especially those of our country, who made a display worthy of their character and industry. No longer is the frieze coat the badge of the bold peasant—the finest broad cloth is now worn—the common truck has been cast aside to give place to the fashionable "outside jaunting car" and the females have thrown off the stuff and woollen gowns, which are replaced by silks and satins, and their head gear is now more gay and ornamental than ever. A large body of ladies in the higher circles. A large body of cavalry was on duty, under Sub-Inspectors O'Connell and Mullarky, but the most perfect order was observed, and scarcely a drunken person was observed amongst the concourse assembled.

At 12 o'clock the signal bell announced that the race was about to come off, and "Look-out" billboards were occupied by spectators.

Stewards—Sir Richard D DeBurgho, Bart. Lieutenant Jackson, W. H. Barrington, Esq. Edward Green, Esq. Berry, Esq. John Scott, Esq. Captain H Jackson, Esq. Clerk of the course, Mr. Charles Fraser, Esq. Mr John Bernal.

FIRST RACE

Stakes, 4 sovs each, half forfeit. 60 sovs added. Two miles—flat course.

Miss H Gamekeeper 9st 3lb (Wynne)	..	..	1
Miss H O by Harkaway, 8st 2lb	..	..	2
Miss H Duchess of Alba, 6st 3lb	..	..	3
Miss H Tropper, 8st 9lb	..	..	0
Miss H Schneider, 6st 12lb	..	..	0
Miss H Jerecca, 6st 4lb	..	..	0

There was only one heat for this race, which was contested. Harkaway led at a slashing pace from the start, and kept her place throughout until a quarter of a mile from home, when she was pushed up and held side by side, winning the length.

DEATH OF LIEUT. THOMAS GABBETT,

The letters which subjoin tell a sad tale, and record the death of a brave and true-hearted soldier—one who commenced his military career on the field of battle, having only joined his regiment, the gallant 61st., the night before the battle of Yuvaret, at which he obtained a medal. He is the son of Mrs. John Gabbett—was a promising youth, and would have obtained his company in a very short time. His early demise will be long mourned by all his acquaintances; and is a source of deep anguish to his afflicted mother, who was bereft of her son-in-law, Major Dalton, before Sebastopol.

Camp before Delhi, 27th August, 1857.

My Dear Mrs. Gabbett—I scarcely know how to open to you the following sad intelligence:—I am nearly broken hearted on the subject, and I pray to God he will support you under this dreadful affliction. Your poor dear son has been killed in action with the enemy while nobly and gallantly leading on his men. I enclose you a note from Colonel Rainey, our senior Major who has given the particulars of his death. The only consolation I can offer you is, that he lost his life at the head of his company, and his conduct has been the admiration of every officer and man in the regiment; and the sincere regret expressed by every individual in the Corps at his untimely death is very gratifying to me, and I hope will soothe the anguish you will experience at the loss of so gallant, noble, and affectionate a son. I cannot express to you my deep regret, for we were always most intimate, and I took a great interest in him.

This is the last day for letters by this Auckland mail, and I have only a few minutes to write this hurried scrawl, but I thought it better than you should see his death in the papers. My wife will be dreadfully shocked when she hears it, for they were very intimate. Poor dear fellow I attended his funeral this morning; many officers of my brigade (the 8th Queen's and 61st) also attended. The action took place about 20 miles from this. Another young officer of ours (Elkington) was also wounded, and is not expected to live.

Now my dear Mrs. Gabbett, I have not time to write more, and I sincerely trust that the Great God will support you through this dreadful affliction as well as all the members of your family. I sincerely hope one of your daughters will see this before you do; God Bless you, and believe me, Yours' sincerely,

WILLIAM JONES,

Camp, Delhi, 27th August, 1857.

MY DEAR BRIGADIER—Knowing that Mrs. Jones is a relation of Lieut. Gabbett, I feel the task of communicating the melancholy and sudden end of this

The Empire lion sterling more improved Eyre Lloyd's five estates in Rathkeale, Rathkeale Co. of that town.

Nearly two meetings held Relief Fund.

A considerable for beef has been pork at £9 2s.

The annual Children of Ekeale Church occasion a After morning children by commenced a card and his the Rev. Messrs Isaac, and T. was very creditable schoolmasters Walsh of Kilmine was n dance at Sun over, the ch house, which where they feast prepared the respectable interesting oc

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