

O'BRIEN'S LECTURE.

His lecture to the Trades, at the session, came off on Wednesday at the Athenaeum, before a very crowded audience, among others, the following gentlemen:—Very Rev. Dr. Synan, Rev. Mr. O'Farrell, Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Rev. Mr. Gerald and Malone, of the Seminary, and Rev. Mr. Shanahan.

He was called on to preside. His reception was most enthusiastic, the audience rising *en masse* and cheering him most loudly on his appearance. Cheers were given for Mr. Duffy and for John Mitchell. A room for the lecture this post, we will give it in *extenso* in our next. The lecturer sets out the leading points.

He commenced by stating that had he had the inclination he would, perhaps, have declined opening the winter session of the Mechanics' Institute in the present year, as it would be unbecoming to refuse a compliment intended as a compliment, and he would encourage, by his example, the intelligence of the people. The propositions that he advanced were, that Ireland in general, and particularly, had not yet attained that material advancement which its people are capable of, and that in order to develop the moral, or intellectual resources of the country, it is to rely, under Providence, not upon the industry of the inhabitants of this island. To support this proposition he instituted a comparison between Switzerland, Belgium, and ancient Greece, which countries, though inferior to England in many respects, have maintained a position in Europe which Ireland has been unable to do.

Were he not prohibited from entering into controversial politics he would illustrate the point that might be given by way of example, that these countries have possessed a national character, whereas Ireland is but a province. His subject of domestic legislation are all upon the present occasion he should state that self government is the consequence of that spirit of self reliance which has led them to cherish. The next position he advanced was that Irishmen were not any race in the scale of nations. He traced the story of Irish valour from "Con of the Bar" down to Lord Gough to be told by a competent narrator, but as illustrating the capacity of Irishmen in other fields he referred to the fact, that while but 50 years ago there was scarce a Roman Catholic chapel in the country, now almost every parish, however small, had one, and there was rising in every city a cathedral which would do equal credit to the taste and piety of the inhabitants of the country. Mr. O'Brien next alluded to the political fame acquired by Irishmen, their management of public boards, the success of the Exhibition without Government aid or aid of the Government, the role of distinguished men in the Irish Academy, and the investment of the Incumbered Estates Court, and

Witness, the report made to the Emperor of France by M. Arago and other eminent philosophers, where in it is stated to the general effect that the leakage of the aforesaid valve was the most formidable obstacle, which the atmospheric system had to contend with. Perhaps, the directors of the above railway may solve that problem; as I have endeavoured to the best of my humble ability to show, that that obstacle, though important to the steam engine caused by the additional quantity of fuel demanded to maintain the main tube in vacuo, is of no moment wherever a river is in view; as its waters, which cost nothing must, of necessity, preserve vacuum in the exhausting receiver B despite the imperfections of the valve. Or, in other words, whilst the train is proceeding onwards with the passengers the aforesaid receiver may be in vacuo, or nearly so. Consequently, whatever portion of air as might leak through the valve must travel onwards within the rarified air cylinder A. See appendix.

Gentlemen, I must be brief, and remain your very obedient servant,

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The Secretary, Chamber of
Commerce, Limerick.

A man, named Lyons, who had been bitten by a mad dog, at Bruree, near Croom, in this county, three months since, died of hydrophobia, in all its alarming forms this week.

The first concert by Adare choral society under patronage of the Countess of Dunraven, is to take place on Tuesday next, at two o'clock in the Church School Room.

MR. JUSTICE JACKSON.—It affords us much satisfaction to announce that Judge Jackson's indisposition is not of a serious character. The report of his illness was received in this city with deep regret, as a more upright, impartial, and dignified Judge does not adorn the Irish Bench.

The *Church Chronicle* which has just been started, contains a new and interesting tale entitled *Carrisbroke Court* by the authoress of "Marian Falconer"—a talented and highly educated young lady of this city.

The Mayor this day received a communication that the patents promised to Limerick would be forwarded immediately. They are intended for the Town Hall.

David Roche Vandeleur, Esq. son of Edward Vandeleur, Esq., and nephew of George Vandeleur, Esq., of this city, is appointed Cornet, in the 12th Light Dragoons.

The 79th Regt. have arrived at Madras

The 7th Fusiliers, which left Portsmouth on the 19th July, arrived out on the 13th Nov.

Major General Sir Henry Havelock has got the Colonelcy of the 3d Buffs.

Sir Colin Campbell has issued a general order directing commanding officers of Regiments to have those under their command instructed in the Hindostanee language, the staff of the army being now open to Her Majesty's service.

Great complaints are made by corps now at home of the number of captains belonging to them who are absent either on the staff or as musketry inspectors; this prevents officers who have served long abroad