

Newcastle, Feb. 2nd 1867.

DEAR SIR,—Permit me, through your columns, to remark that any allusion to me by Archdeacon Goold, in his controversy with the Very Rev. Dean O'Brien, was wholly uncalled for and unjustifiable.

I have taken very little interest in the dispute which has arisen between them; but it appears to me, that either party who introduces extraneous subjects into the discussion, with the view of causing petty annoyance to his adversary, shows palpably that he has the worst of the argument, and reminds us of the observation of the schoolboy—"If I can't lick you myself, I have a big brother who can."

The different views which the Very Rev. Dean O'Brien and I took on the subject of the testimonial to Head Constable Sullivan, did not for a moment interrupt the smooth stream of our intercourse, and I conceive that it would be more becoming in Archdeacon Goold not to endeavour to lead me into "dissension and strife," but to permit me to pursue the even tenor of my way, and "be in charity with all men."

I am, your truly,
EDWARD CURLING.

SOUTH OF IRELAND POULTRY, PIGEON AND CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION.

The sixth annual exhibition of this Society was held in the Athenaeum, Cork, on Wednesday and Thursday last, and was, as might be expected, from the exertions of the secretary, treasurer, and committee, attended with great success. The weather on those days was, however, far from being propitious, and must, we fancy, have materially affected the attendance of the public, but happily, on the first day, about two o'clock, the sun dispelled the clouds and rain which had been hanging over the city all the forenoon, and shone forth brightly, giving the ladies an opportunity of visiting the show with comfort and pleasure, and of forming within the walls of the Athenaeum an assemblage of grace and beauty of which any city might be proud. On the second day, though the morning was bright, the sky became overclouded by noon, and the rain, which soon after began to fall in torrents, prevented the attendance, though by no means poor, from being as large as on the preceding day. We were also gratified to see such large numbers of people, whose engagements prevented their attending through the day, showing their interest in the show by visiting it during the period it was open at night.

The collections of poultry, pigeons, and small birds were extensive, and on the whole good, but it occurred to us that the division of poultry was not as large as it was in the Limerick show, and we were not a little surprised to find that none of our English friends (who did not forget us in Limerick) had, as far as we could see, sent over birds to any of the three divisions, with the exception of in one instance, to the pigeon one. This, we think, to be to a certain extent regretted, as the exhibition in this country of some of the best pens from Birmingham, Rochdale, or other shows in England would, doubtless, stir up a great amount of ambition and enterprise among our Irish fanciers; but we think that the absence of them at the same time enables us to take much courage, when we think that a show so large and creditable as the Cork one was wholly composed of birds belonging to fanciers from Dublin, Cork, Limerick, and the adjoining counties. We must confess, however, that we did not care much either for the arrangement or make of the pens in the poultry department. In the first place, we do not like the pens placed one over the other, as we fancy one cannot somehow judge the birds as well; and secondly, we prefer pens with wired tops, and backs if possible, as we are of opinion the birds always stand more erect and appear more lively when they see the light above them. We think the Cork Committee, by acting on those hints, would find a considerable improvement in their next show. The largest exhibitors in the poultry department, and the pigeon one as well, were two gentlemen from Limerick, but in both those departments large and valuable collections of birds were also shown by the other exhibitors; and it would be ungenerous on our part were we to omit the name of Mr. Corbett, of Castleconnell, who with his large and valuable collection of hawks, parrots, cuckatoos, cormorants, owls, and, though last, not least, laughing jackasses, made the cage bird portion of the show not the least interesting and attractive, and we are rather inclined to think that his beautiful and rare collection received far more attention from the fair sex than any other in the exhibition.

The prizes given were numerous, but not so valuable as those which were offered in our own city; and we would modestly advise our Cork friends to try, if possible, and improve upon this point. Good prizes are, we think, essentially necessary to give any exhibition of this kind a name, and make it a success; and we fancy (we may be wrong) that if our English friends were tempted a little in this way, they would not only send over large numbers of birds to the Cork show, but would include amongst them some of their most valuable pens. Independent of the ordinary money

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TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 5, 1867.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

THIS DAY.

THE ROYAL SPEECH.

BY SPECIAL TELEGRAM.

Parliament was opened to-day by her Majesty the Queen, in person, attended by all the Officers of State and of her Household. The pageant was exceedingly grand and imposing, and the Queen was loudly cheered on her way from Buckingham Palace to the House of Lords.

On entering the House, and ascending the Throne, the Royal proclamation was then made, when the Lord Chancellor handed to her Majesty the Royal Speech, which she read, as follows, in a clear voice:—

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

In again recurring to your advice and assistance, I am happy to inform you my relations with foreign powers are on a friendly and satisfactory footing. I hope the termination of the war between Prussia, Austria, and Italy, may lead to the establishment of a durable peace in Europe.

I have suggested to the Government of the United States the mode by which questions pending between the two countries, arising from the late civil war may receive an amicable solution, and which if met, as I trust it will, in a corresponding spirit, will remove all grounds of possible misunderstanding, and promote relations of cordial friendship.

The war between Spain and the Republics of Chili and Peru still continues, the good offices of my Government with the French Government having failed to effect a reconciliation. If either by agreement or by mediation of a friendly power peace be restored my object will be equally attained.

Discontent in some provinces of the Turkish Empire having broken out into actual insurrection in Crete, in common with the Emperors of the French and of Russia I have abstained from any active interference therein; but our efforts have been directed to bringing about improved relations between the Porte and its Christian subjects, not inconsistent with the foreign rights of the Sultan.

The protracted negotiations arising from acceptance by Prince Charles of Hohenzollern, of the government of the Danubian Principalities happily terminated by an arrangement to which the Porte has given ready adhesion, and which has been sanctioned by all the powers who were signatories to the treaty of 1856.

Resolutions in favour of a more intimate union of the provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, have been passed by the several legislatures and delegates duly authorised, and representing all classes of the colonial party and opinion have concurred in the conditions. A bill will be submitted which by consolidation of the Colonial interests and resources will give strength to the several provinces as members of the same empire, and animated by feelings of loyalty to the same sovereign.

I have heard with deep sorrow of the famine which has pressed so heavily on our subjects in certain parts of India. Instructions were issued to my Government there to make the utmost exertions to mitigate the disasters prevailing there in autumn last.

The blessing of an abundant harvest since that time has materially improved the condition of the

of the Acts of the Probate and Divorce, and Admiralty Courts, and the means for disposing with greater despatch and frequency of the increasing business in the Superior Courts of Common Law and Assizes.

The relations between landlord and tenant in Ireland have engaged my anxious attention, and a bill will be laid before you which, without interfering with the rights of property, will offer direct encouragement to the occupiers of land to improve their holdings and to provide a simple mode of obtaining compensation for permanent improvements.

I commend these and other measures, and pray that your labours may, under the blessing of Providence, conduce to the prosperity of the country, and the happiness of my people.

The Lord Bishop of Limerick being unavoidably detained in Dublin by business, will be unable to receive his clergy at Westfield, on Wednesday the 6th inst.

LIMERICK DISTRICT LUNATIC ASYLUM.—The usual monthly meeting of Governors was held in the Board-room of this Institution on yesterday. Present—J. W. Mahony, J.P., *locum tenens* for the Mayor, in the chair; Rt. Rev. Dr. Butler, R.C.B., J. T. MacSheehy, Esq., J.P., and Captain Gavin, J.P. Minutes of last day's proceeding read and confirmed. M. J. Cronin was declared contractor for twelve months for tobacco and snuff. Mr. P. Hickey for building brick. The consideration of tenders for paints and oils from Messrs. Boyd, Trousdell and O'Brien, and P. Riordan, deferred to next meeting, as also those for hardware, &c. After signing cheques the Board adjourned.

We have been informed that nearly all the seats for Mr. Keller's Grand Concert, to come off on Monday and Tuesday next, have been engaged, and a great many families of distinction, from a considerable distance have already procured tickets for attendance; and those who desire to attend had better secure the remaining seats in time, otherwise they may find themselves disappointed on the days that the concert will be held.

We regret to announce the sudden death of Mr. John Brysdale, solicitor, who was found dead in his bed yesterday morning. It appears that on Sunday night he retired to bed in his usual good health; and on yesterday morning when the servant went to call him to his breakfast as he did not come down, she found him dead in bed. At an inquest held on yesterday by J. Gleeson, Esq., and a respectable jury, after hearing evidence, a verdict of "died by the visitation of God" was returned. Mr. Brysdale was till lately, for several years a member of the Limerick Board of Guardians, and he was greatly esteemed by those who knew him for the mildness of his demeanour, and many social benevolent qualities.

We have received at this office one pound from Mrs. Lloyd, Tower Hill, and 5s. from Mrs. Pitcairn, for the Reporter who some years ago was connected with the Limerick Press, and whose sight has failed him.

The Rev. J. F. Gregg thankfully acknowledges the receipt of the following contributions:—For Protestant Orphan Society—The Misses Hall, (per the Rev. J. H. Allen) £2; A Protestant, £1. The Protestant Aid Society—A Protestant, £1. The Asylum for Blind Females—A Protestant, 10s; Henry Rose, Esq., (per Mrs. Sibthorpe) £1. The Limerick Ragged Schools—A Protestant, 10s; the Misses Hall, £1; Miss Lee's collection, 12s 6d; Miss Hurst's collection, 12s 6d. For A.C.P.—P. F. £2; M. S. R. 5s; Rev. L. M. 5s.

The Secretary, Limerick Protestant Orphan Society thankfully acknowledges the following:—From Rathkeale Branch Association, £6 10s; Newcastle do., £12 4s 6d; Cabinnary do. (Mrs. J. Russell's card), £5 1s 6d; Knockaney do., £1 12s.

The Rev. L. M. Maunsell thankfully acknowledges to have received the following sums for the Protestant Orphan Society—Rev. Richard Dickson, £5; Hon. Isabella Masey's collection, £3 7s 6d; Mrs. W. Watson, £1; Master R. A. Eaton's collection, £1 7s.

Miss Dartnell, Wellington Terrace, thankfully acknowledges the following sums for the District Visiting Society in St. Michael's Parish—Mrs. J. Gabbett, Eden, Terrace, £1; Cannock, Tait and Company, £1.

The Stewards of the Wesleyan Church, George street thankfully acknowledge the following contributions in behalf of the anniversary collection for the circuit funds:—William Boyd, Esq., £1; John Jones, Esq., £1; James Goodwin, Esq., 10s.

According to announcement, the Essay and Debating Class, in connection with the Protestant Young Men's Association, met on Friday evening to wind up the debate on Total-abstinence *versus* Temperance.—Mr. Hanna leading on the side of tee-totalism, and Mr. Beanis on that of temperance. Mr. Hanna produced some telling statistics.