LIMERICK ATHENÆUM.

The First Series of READINGS AND MUSIC FOR WINTER, 1873-4, will be held in the ATHENÆUM, ON THURSDAY EVENING NEXT, NOVEMBER 13, 1873.

H. ROGERS, Esq., ... Musical Conductor.

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BE JUST AND FEAR NOT

LIMERICK: WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12, 1873.

THE KILMALLOCK UNION

report of the last day's proceedings of the and disclosed more fully than Mr Coote's condence, the penetration he exercised as finder, the variety of imperfections he discovered in his fellow-guardians, number of blots in the transactions ich they were responsible. The charges ficient to make up a monster indict. They were personal, moral, financial, l and pragmatical also. If they were oduced in legal phraseology they might lled a blue book. If all were but real, 'a box was nothing to the Kilmallock ouse.

ndering how sensitive even to fancied ffes Mr Coote seemed to be, it is very ing how slight was his tenderness to ntation and feelings of others. He shot owa at the Chairman and Vice-chairhe spared not the Schoolmaster, the or the Porter, and he nearly emptied ver at the Board all round. The three officers are, to be sure, humble perhaps, but why should they be more ardened than he was? The profession her, for example, implies the possession ction, and roundly to charge an educan with inebriety, argued no delicacy Coote's part. He was irritated, doubt. He complained of having been "grossly," on his first suspicions and prejudice in the Board-room; and probably *le larmes* that betokened his wo and. was the insult or how it was "done" ot well gather; but nobody assails Mr character, nor were injury and impatent in anyobservations his conciliatory s might have elicited.

was he too abstinent in reference even to s of his own order. He is reported to d *that* room was no place for gentlemen. What did he mean? What could he ve that he was a gentleman and not zero? The neighbours were kind to him; the praising of him all to himself. finition of his qualifications was no rue to nature? It was entirely unthen the expression was not loudly ap. nor does it appear that Mr Coote was s the pink and paragon of orthodox . Monopoly of the characteristics ap. to few, and the title and thing are not dentified. It is not every one who is man, true as well as titular; and Mr must do more than make an assertion to at he is the exquisite double rolled up

ted, perhaps, of artificial accomplishthere are persons in frieze who in bearblood might be deemed gentlemen. On r hand, broad cloth does not invariably the traits. No assertion could be supported than the Chairman. Mr that the purest and best blood of is trees through bodies bent often in il. laurs of princes are tenants of lowly were fists of their forefathers, and m by Guardians of the Board, in which they came, twixt the wind and Mr nobility, bear names which, as the an suggested for the genealogical of the gentleman par excellence, are Mr. Coote's is only conspicuous by its , to wit, in Irish history.

bguring the Chairman's good-natured what again did Mr Coote mean by saying at the Board Room was no place for ed, when it contained of his social ldest, and his religious paramount ar, such Ex-officio guardians as the nds, the Saunderses, the Bouchiers, Weldons and Webbs; gentlemen of well rank, who never complained of h, and never said they suffered disparat from their relations as guardians with ated members, who discharged their as conscientiously, and, sooth to say, at spirited as gently as themselves in om. They should be as well able to of the propriety of the official associaas Mr Coote, and is it not strange that a an of his discernment did not underthat in putting the room without the f his gentility, and decrying the manners e frequenting it, he was casting a slur own friends? So far as we read, he no exceptions; he drew no distinction those whom he supposed to have said something derogatory to his dignity, party by whom it may have been ed and revered. According to his wonderful lation was absolute, and, if so, what became of the rank, the fortunes, the l endowments, the personal polish, and honors of all the rest? Had they no to resent the "insult?"

hich, indeed, was the section or class of Board to which Mr Coote, complaining of h," did not offer slight? Claiming the ates and sensibilities of a gentleman, he of course, disavow the intention. Then should he impute a design to others, in his d, and forget the moral of the parable that who live in glass houses should not throw s!

much—too much in fact for the frivolous of Mr Coote's accusations. We need say ng of the impertinence of his references Ryan, J.P., as a merchant and a magis. we may add as an Irishman of ancient nt, long established connexion with the ty of Limerick, tried devotion to the vel of the people and the interests of the try, and, of as generous dispositions her in home or in heart as could do a man or, and exempt him from the unwarranted rciliousness of an egregious gentleman. shall only observe that this land would lose ing if more of its magistrates were millers merchants, emulated the enterprise of these are, increased the employment which they , and invested capital and energy in rtaking, that, assuring livelihoods to labor ilitate obedience to order and law. retermitting further notice of the sentimental grievances of Mr Coote, we have to rt to the graver portion of his numerous gations. They are thought "serious" by Saunders, and, it may be, they are. They it investigation, and we shall learn in good whether they are frivolous, or so material be worthy of inquiry on oath. They consist of two classes—impeaching the officers and nging the management of the Union at o. Mr W. H. O'Sullivan deals with the er, and a more complete refutation than produces we never read. He not e shows but *proves* that Mr Coote was y much misinformed. He relies upon tanes that cannot be invalidated. He *proves* t the Union expenditure, taking into ount the increased cost of necessaries, and greater number of destitute, is less for the year than the year before. He has served apprenticeships in the office of Guardian, d he *proves* that no inquiry was sought or nted during that time, four having been held thin less than half the preceding period. During the fourteen years, no officer was discarded, r one arraigned of misconduct worth specifying. He refers to the reports of unbiassed inspectors, testifying that the Union was wisely and the law in the Workhouse well administered, and he proves that the salaries were supported at lighter rates than in the institutions elsewhere. He proves that the average pound-age or rate in Kilmallock was lighter and the expenditure amount of salaries less than in most other Unions. He *proves* that in two alleged instances of the misapplication of funds Mr Coote was misled, and must have been guilty by his informants, and he controverts and retakes the worst charge of all, the immorality said to have prevailed in the Workhouse.

Of Mr Coote's catalogue not one was passed over, and Mr. O'Sullivan completed as close a review as could be instituted, by contradictions as strong as documents could verify, reason acknowledge or intelligence appreciate. There was no rejoinder from Mr Coote; if he had any he reserved it, but he certainly will find no small difficulty in undoing the effect of the Vice-Chairman's statement, in the course of addressing himself to the arduous task.

Whether he achieves it or earns no honor, he is, however, entitled to one thing more unequivocally than precedence as a gentleman and it is, the merit of having caused a development of the Union affairs which is creditable to all connected with their management calculated to satisfy the rate-payers of the Union, to vindicate the administration of the Poor Law by Elected Guardians, and prevent the positive nuisance of vexatious complaints by querulous parties.

EDUCATION.

AT an entrance examination, recently held at Trinity College, Dublin, Master Henry Pardy, eldest son of Mr Henry Pardy, of this City, passed very successfully. Master Pardy was prepared by Mr J. F. Switzer, Henry-street.

THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

WE are glad to notice the appointment of Mr M. P. C. McCormack, (formerly of this City, and nephew to Rev Mr McCormack, of Manister), to the position of Resident Medical Officer and Apothecary of the Dublin Provident Infirmary, Beresford Place. We congratulate Mr McCormack on his success, which will be hailed with much satisfaction by his many friends, and all those who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

THE READINGS AND MUSIC.

THE Readings and Music at the Athenæum tomorrow evening promise to be most successful. The Committee have prepared an admirable programme, which we are sure will be excellently performed. The programme will contain some very fine instrumental selections. It is hoped the audience will be punctual in their attendance, and that there may be none of the interruptions through late arrivals which were so frequent last season.

THE NEW CHURCH OF RATHKEALE.

VERY Rev. Dr. O'Shea begs to return his grateful thanks to Rev. George O'Connor, P.P., and the good people of his parish for their munificent offerings on last Sunday for the Rathkeale New Church. The collection realized £70 10s 5d, including £10 from the worthy Parish Priest, £3 each from Mrs. O'Connor and Thomas Gleeson, Esq. Rev. Denis McCarthy, C.C., paid £1 in addition to £2 on a former occasion. The list shall appear in full in our next issue. Divine Service is now celebrated in the noble structure, and when it is completed it will be a temple as worthy of the supreme purpose of its erection as it will be for centuries honorable to the zeal, generosity and enlightenment to which its existence and magnificence are owing.

THE JESUITS' CHURCH—THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.

IN our fourth page will be found an outline of the admirable appeal made on Sunday last on the subject of the Catholic University, by the Rev Isaac Moore, S.J, at the Jesuits' Church. The discourse is distinguished by its sound reasoning and Christian dealing with the subject from the Catholice point of view, will, we are sure, be read with profit and pleasure.

LIMERICK BOARD OF GUARDIANS—THIS DAY.

AT the meeting of the Board upon this day, Mr W. S. Studdert occupied the chair, and there was but a moderate attendance of Guardians. Mr Delmege complained that he and some other gentlemen had not been treated fairly at the Board. He complained that on the previous board day Mr Nolan's notice of motion was adjourned at the gentleman's request, while on all occasions that he had made a similar application to the board, it was scouted by them. Mr Delmege gave notice that he would move that in future any guardian might, by making application, have his notice of motion adjourned for one fortnight. On the motion of Mr Kelly, of Clonagh Castle, it was ordered that the Clerk should write to the Admiralty Secretary at Queenstown, to see if there were any vacancies for naval apprentices on board the training ship there. The Master reported three of the inferior officers for disobedience, and stated that for the past month there was a general feeling of insubordination evident among the officers. The three women specially mentioned were called before the Board, and severely reprimanded.

THE THEATRE—MR MACCABE'S ENTERTAINMENT.

THE Theatre was crowded to its utmost capacity on Monday and last night, when Mr Maccabe gave his celebrated entertainment under the popular title "Begone Dull Care." Indeed care should be heavy on the heart that would not be révived and enlivened by his laughter moving ability. Since he last appeared in Limerick Mr Maccabe has greatly improved his impersonations, and increased the number. Habit has not made him either "stagey" or "dry;" he preserves the freshness that allied to the thorough ease with which he assumes every role, was so great a charm in his entertainments. The heartiness—one might almost say, enthusiasm of his reception showed how the favor he won in years gone by was preserved undiminished. He concludes his sojourn in Limerick, this evening.

THE TRADE OF LIMERICK—EXTENDING ESTABLISHMENTS.

WE have the truest pleasure in being able from time to time to direct attention to the increasing trade of Limerick, and thus prove by facts the groundlessness of the statements which were occasionally and invidiously published in order to decry the enterprise of the city, misrepresent its resources, and deny the progress of its prosperity. It is sneered at through some miserable witticism as to the Custom House yard being covered with grass, or some other poor bit of petty malevolence, as if hurt could thus be done to the commercial enterprise of Limerick. We have had frequently to refer to those absurdities, and if evidence were wanting of their futility and the fallacy of the assumption which was involved, it would be supplied in the enlargement of the mercantile establishments, and the increasing amount of capital invested and actively employed. In every street in the city improvements are observable, manifestly advancing confidence in trade. One of the most recent evidences of this—and we mention it as an example—is the enlargement to double its previous dimensions of the fine Woolen, Drapery, and Tailoring Establishment, situated in William street, and of which Dan O'Connor & Company are the proprietors. The steady advance in public estimation of this Firm is not alone strong testimony to its success in the various branches of trade comprehended in its warerooms, but of the spread and stability of local trade, represented in the number of similar concerns in Limerick. The recent additions to Messrs O'Connor's establishment have been carried out by Mr Hayes, contractor, from designs prepared by Mr James Browne, CE, rendering the premises not alone a credit to their owners, but a distinguished ornament to that great business thoroughfare. The front has been enlarged to twice its former extent, and enriched with a most tastefully designed entablature and pilasters, executed, too, by Limerick Tradesmen, in the best Portland cement. The sashes are filled with immense sheets of splendid plate glass, and serve admirably to display the valuable goods contained in piles or shown in samples, inside. The extension has enabled Messrs O'Connor & Co., to add considerably to the various departments of their trade, and, in addition, to supplement their staff with the best buyers and tradesmen. The throngs that daily occupy the establishment prove its popularity, and this we hope may not alone continue, but increase.

About 3,000 arms of various patterns—some of them ancient and curious—were received in the military store on Saturday, under escort of the constabulary from the reclaimed barony of Longhinshollin, county Londonderry.

TELEGRAPHIC DESPATCHES

(FROM THE CENTRAL NEWS.)

THE BANK RATE.

For good discount the demand, at lowest rate, is 9 per cent., subject to alteration at Bank. Money is in moderate supply.

The Duke of Edinburgh and suite arrived at Dover from Calais this morning, and proceeded to London.

LEGAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The "Globe" states that Sir John Coleridge will take his seat as Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas early next week. Mr Henry James was yesterday formally appointed Attorney General.

Traffic Increase—North Western, £11,392; Midland, £8,863; North Eastern, £6,350; Caledonian, £5,203; Great Western, £4,461; Great Eastern, £4,645. Consols unaltered, 92½ 5-8th. December wheat unchanged.

It is stated that the Legitimist party in France has resolved on sending another deputation to Frohsdorf, with a view to induce the Comte de Chambord to relinquish his right of succession in favour of the Comte de Paris, who would then be proclaimed King.

The London coal market having taken the initiative in any reductions that have been made, again shows healthful signs, as there is a further fall of 1s per ton in the price of one kind of coal. There was no alterations in other descriptions, and, after recent experience, it is a satisfaction, if but a slight one, that there was no actual rise.

Earl Russell has been asked to preside at the great meeting to be held in London for the purpose of expressing sympathy with Germany in her tyranny to the Pope. The ex-Whig is willing to agree to the request, on the condition that the resolutions shall express a general sympathy with the intolerant attitude of Germany, without involving approval of any specific act of the Government.

In accordance with the recent resolutions of the prelates, and at the request of the Most Rev Dr Keane, Bishop of Cloynes, communicated through the Very Rev Wm Fitzgerald, President of St Colman's College, Fermoy, that College has been affiliated to the Catholic University of Ireland.

At a meeting of the Home Government Association, held yesterday under the presidency of Mr George Delany, addresses were delivered by Mr Mitchel Henry, MP; Mr Butt, QC, MP, and the Rev J A Galbraith, FTCD, all of whom referred to the conference to be held in the Rotundo on the 18th inst. The requisition for the proposed conference had, the speakers, stated, been signed by between 24,000 and 25,000 persons.

LIMERICK NATIONALISTS.

THE elegant green silk, gold embossed banner bee longing to the Limerick Nationalists was sent to the Amnesty meeting at Marybrough on Sunday last in charge of several members of the association, and with Mr Daly as representative of the body. On Monday evening bands belonging to the Congregated Trades, the Foresters' Society, and Boherbuoy attended at the Railway Terminus to receive the deputation and the banner. About three thousand persons were present. When the train arrived a procession was formed in front of the Station of some five hundred Nationalists with the deputation and the banner in front, and in this order they marched through the city to Bank Place, the bands playing alternately along the route. At Bank Place Mr Daly addressed the concourse from the windows of the Young Mens' Reading Room, and gave them an account of the meeting at Maryborough, and the warmth of the reception which the Limerick deputation experienced. In the course of his observations he stated the Nationalists meant to take part in the forthcoming municipal election on the 26th inst.

THE IRISHTOWN WARD.

The election of an Alderman to fill the vacancy caused by the lamented death of the late Mr James Quin, was held on Monday at the Town Hall. Mr Synan, QC, and Mr E McNamara, solr, were the candidates. The Mayor presided as Returning Officer. At the close of the poll his Worship announced the numbers to be:—For Mr Synan, 53; for Mr McNamara, 20. His Worship declared Mr Synan duly elected. No incident of any remarkable character occurred during the day. In the evening tar barrels were set ablaze in various parts of the Ward by the residents of the district, who, although they had no votes, wished to manifest their gratification will Mr Synan's return.

VISIT OF THE HON. GERALD N. DILLON AND LADY LOUISA DILLON TO THE KISHIKIRK SCHOOLS.

A visit which was paid by Lady Louisa Dillon to these schools excited a sensation of joy in the retired locality of Kishikirk. The schools were tastefully decorated, and the pupils in holiday attire. When the noble party arrived they were loudly cheered by the boys, who were drawn up as a guard of honor. Her Ladyship, who was accompanied by Robert Hunt, Esq., first entered the girls' school, and was presented with the following address by George Freud, and John and James O'Meara, pupils, and sons of tenants on the estate.

TO THE HONORABLE LADY LOUISA DILLON.

NOBLE LADY—We, the pupils of the Kishikirk Schools, and children of your Ladyship's tenants joyfully welcome you amongst us, this being the first visit within our recollection of a member of your noble family. Our late lamented patroness, Lady Isabella Fitzgibbon, and your Ladyship's noble father, the late Earl of Clare, though residing at a distance from us, were ever mindful of our wants, evinced a deep interest in our welfare, and encouraged us in our studies, by rewards and amusements.

As we understand it is your Ladyship's intention to spend a considerable portion of each year amongst us, we look forward with pleasure to many visits from your Ladyship, and a continuance of the kind patronage uniformly bestowed on the people here by all the members of the noble Clare family.

We cannot conclude without expressing to your Ladyship our deep sense of the kind interest which Mr Hunt, as Manager of our Schools, takes in our education.

Wishing your Ladyship and your Honorable husband and all your noble family every happiness,

We have the honor to be,

With the greatest respect.

THE PUPILS OF KISHIKIRK SCHOOLS.

Her Ladyship graciously received the Address, and having expressed her thanks in the kindest and happiest terms, the children sang some pleasing songs, and were inspirited and encouraged by the Hon Mr Dillon, who joined in the chorus. Her Ladyship inspected some elegant specimens of needlework executed by the girls, looked over the reports, and after making several inquiries regarding the school, was conducted by the Teacher through the apartments adjoining, which, it should be said, and second to those of no other schools, in the neatness, nay, almost the elegance, by which they are distinguished, and by which her Ladyship was greatly pleased.

The noble party then visited the Male School where the boys were examined by the Hon Mr Dillon, who at the close expressed the delight with which he heard such creditable answering, and spoke at considerable length on the increasing advantages of a good education, and the necessity and the opportunity of profiting by it in those days of open competition.

Her Ladyship then addressed the pupils in the most winning terms, regretting that the shortness of her stay would not permit her at present to entertain them at Mountshannon, but when she returns next year she intends giving them a Fete day. Before leaving the Hon Mr Dillon set the boys racing for silver, which he freely supplied, and the efforts to win it were most amusing. Her Ladyship left a considerable sum to be divided amongst the girls.

The tenants on the estate were assembled to welcome her Ladyship and the Hon Mr Dillon, who spoke most familiarly with them, and when he told them he was an Irishman heart and soul, he received a genuine Irish cheer.

The noble party then left, amidst hearty cheering, to drive round the estate, with the condition of which they must have been greatly pleased, and which affords ample proofs of the judicious management of the truly popular agent, Mr Hunt.

TIPPERARY BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

At the usual weekly meeting of the Tipperary Board of Guardians, held on Thursday, RICHARD CONDON, Esq, occupied the chair, and subsequently JOHN MAHER, Esq.

Other Guardians present—Thomas Butler, Hugh Bradshaw, Arthur Moore, JP; Richard S Massey, JP; John Cleary, Jeremiah Ryan, William Corbett, William Donovan, Myles Ryan, P Hayes, John Dwyer, Thomas Crowe, Matthew Quinlivan, and Michael Cleary, Esqrs.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last Board were read and confirmed.

The Clerk read a letter from the Local Government Board acknowledging the receipt of the minutes of the proceedings of the Tipperary Board of Guardians on the 4th instant, and with reference to the resolution relating to the arrangements which had been suggested for the accommodation of the Nuns employed as nurses in the Workhouse, stating that the Local Government Board would not persist in further objection to the Guardians' proposal.

The letter was matter referred, and it ordered to request Mr Fitzpatrick to give a detailed estimate of the expense necessary in fitting up the apartments.

DEATH OF REV. WILLIAM TOOMEY P.P., CASTLETOWN CONYERS.

SORROW pervades the population of Castletown Conyers, and Friday was a mournful day to all when they knew that the Pastor they loved was no more. Little could they or others who saw the lamented Priest last Summer, apparently in the full bloom of health, forebode his departure from life after the short period which has since expired. We thought for our own part we never beheld our lamented Rev friend more likely to bless his flock by his ministry for many years, or destined to return from the sea side, whither he was then proceeding, in fuller enjoyment of every physical faculty by which life could be prolonged. It was not to be. God willed that His consecrated servant should be called to his place amongst the beatified; and, enrolled with the sanctified, pray for the spiritual happiness of the congregation who were the object of his unceasing solicitude, and for whom he pleaded on earth. No people could have had in a more zealous administrator of the holy rites and duties of religion, society none who felt more keenly for the condition and wants of the humble, and the relations of man with man no more steadfast and unchangeable friend. Of warm heart and sensitive temperament, his displeasure ceased sooner than the cause that may have produced it; and the irritation of an instant was followed by the forgiveness that had no termination. He could not nurse wrath to keep it warm, nor abate the charity for the poor or the erring that rose from the well-spring of his warm heart. He was an accomplished gentleman. He was partly educated in Salamanca, where one of his brothers was an affluent merchant engaged in the wine trade; and, with other tongues, he wrote and spoke the language of Camoens freely and fluently. He laboured on the mission in many of the parishes of the Limerick Diocese, and amongst his Rev Brethren was generally and highly esteemed. With the Regular Clergy he was connected in the person of another of his brothers, who was a member of the Augustinian Order, attached to the religious house established at Dungarvan. He had reached his sixty-fifth year when he was seized with his fatal illness, the duration of which was brief, but not so short as to deprive him of the consolations with which himself had often blessed the bed of death. His remains were interred within the Church in which after forty years service to his Divine Master he sleeps the sleep that knows no waking. The estimation in which the lamented Pastor was held was manifested by the large number of Clergymen, who on short notice assembled to celebrate the Mortuary Mass, at which the Dean of the Diocese presided. The Rev Edward Russell, C C, Drumcolloher, was celebrant; Rev James Moran, C C, Ballingarry, Deacon; Rev Edward Tracy, C C, Rathkeale, Sub Deacon; and Rev Father Russell, C C, Manister, Master of Ceremonies. Amongst the other Clergymen were—Very Rev Dr O'Shea, V G, P P, Ratikeale; Rev James Enright, P P, Ballingarry; Rev P Lee, P P, Feenagh; Rev John Quinlan, P P, Croom; Rev Michael Maher, P P, Ardagh; Rev John Reeves, P P, Coleman's Well; Rev David Quaid, P P, Dromin; Rev James Roche, P P, Banogue; Rev Daniel Crotty, C C, Ballingarry; Rev Timothy Kelly, C C, Castlemahon; Rev John Ryan, C C, Feenagh; Rev Daniel Quin, C C, Rockhill; Rev George Quaid, C C, Croom; Rev John Costelloe, C C, Ballingary; Rev Stephen Hayes, C C, Bruff; Rev Maurice Leahy, C C, Bruff; Rev Michael Canty, C C, Bulgaden; Rev Father Byrne, C C, Ardagh; Rev Michael Irwin, C C, Banogue.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(FROM THE SPECTATOR).

WE are glad to see that the Postmaster General is said again to be in official harness, and that as yet, at least, the rumour of his resignation has not been verified. Mr. Monsell has made a good Postmaster General. He has given us the halfpenny stamp, the new and convenient parcel post, a great extension of the money order system, and some diminished rates of postage with foreign countries; and nothing could be more unfair, as all the world has admitted, than to throw upon him any of the responsibilities for Mr. Lowe's and Mr Scudamore's misunderstandings, one of the secret of which he was so systematically and irregularly kept. If he would only investigate and rectify the extraordinary negligence which seems to beset Saturday's post, especially in London, of which every week we hear the bitterest complaints, we do not believe that we could have a better Postmaster General than Mr Monsell.

A HOME Rule meeting was held in Kilkenny on yesterday (Tuesday), and to-day a meeting of the Kilkenny League took place, at which some important questions were discussed.

In accordance with the recent resolutions of the Bishops, and the instance of the Most Rev Dr Power, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, St John's College, Waterford, and the College school of the same city have been affiliated to the Catholic University—the former at the request of its President, Very Rev J V Cleary, D D, and the latter at the request of the Principal, Rev Joseph A Phelan.

A LAND steward named Blake, in the employment of Mr Lyons, D L, committed suicide at Croom, on Monday. The weapon he used was a razor, with which he almost severed his head from the body. It was said the cause which led to the commission of the deed was the death of the wretched man's wife.

ON Saturday last, Mr P. Brown, Auctioneer, offered for sale, at Ennis, Mr N. W. Martin's interest in the farm house of Brook Lodge and 48 acres of land, the owner being about to reside in Cork. The land is held under a lease for the unexpired term of 31 years from Mr C. Creagh, J.P., Dangan, at a yearly rent of £1 5s per acre. After some close bidding the farm was sold, in trust, to Messrs C. B. Molony and Son, Solicitors, for £1,200.

THERE are some complaints as to the manner in which the letting of the Ennis Town Hall for public purposes, is managed by the Town Commissioners. The extraordinary allegation is contained in a letter to the "Clare Journal" that while two societies have been asked to pay £1 per night for its use, it is let for 10d per night as a dancing academy.

THE Ennis National School Teachers held a meeting in Ennis, on Saturday, and at which Dr Cullinan presided. The meeting passed resolutions calling on the public to support the Teachers in their efforts to obtain an increase of salary, good residences, and superannuation allowances.

THE Society of St Vincent De Paul, Conference of St Mary's and St Munchin, thankfully acknowledges through Rev Mr Fitzgerald, the sum of £7 from anonymous.

WE understand the members of the Shannon Rowing Club have taken a house in Brunswick street for the purpose of forming a Club.

THE Rev Isaac Moore, S J, has left Crescent House for Dublin on Missionary duty.

THE Odd Fellows' Society are having their new room in the Town Hall admirably fitted up. The outlay required to place them in a suitable state for their purposes is considerable, and the changes they have effected might be well classed under the head of "permanent improvements."

LORD Annaly has arrived in Kingstown from England.

LADY O'Hagan has kindly signified her intention of presiding at a stall at the forthcoming bazaar to be held in the Round Room, Rotundo, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 25th and 26th inst, in aid of St Vincent's Female Orphanage, North William street.

HER Majesty's letters patent have passed the Great Seal of Ireland, appointing the Right Hon Luke Baron Annaly to be Lieutenant of the county Longford, in room of Henry Baron Annaly, deceased.

THERE is a certainty that when the doors of the Exhibition Palace in Dublin close at the end of the season in November, they will not be opened again to the public. The Exhibition has not been a paying speculation.

NORTH TIPPERARY NATIONAL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

A PUBLIC meeting on behalf of the National Teachers will be held in the Courthouse, Nenagh on Saturday Next, 15th November, at two o'clock p.m. JAMES HANLY, Esq, JP, Chairman, Town Commissioners will preside. The Very Rev Dr O'Malley, VG, and other gentlemen will address the meeting. The representatives of the Metropolitan and Local Press will be present. Every teacher in the North Riding is expected to attend. Members of the Limerick Association are invited.—By order of the Committee, J. NEALON, Secretary.

LISTOWEL INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

LISTOWEL BUTTER MARKET—FRIDAY. The market was well supplied with butter, 1,000 firkins having been offered for sale: Prices were extremely high, viz—from 2s 8d to 2s 6d lover odd pounds. The usual buyers were in attendance.

THE NORTH KERRY FOX HOUNDS.—The above merry pack, the property of Mr T B Browne, Cnoc, met at the Listowel Bridge on Saturday. The local gentry mustered in force, and they proceeded to Ballymore wood, which foxes were known to frequent. After a short time a well developed muscular Reynard was started, but with the proverbial cunning of his race, after a short run he succeeded in getting into cover again and defied every effort to make him break for the open. The sportsmen had to return home, without a spin, after the red skin.

(In reference to the reports of the Market, sent by our Correspondent we wish to say that if there were any "alterations" of his figures, they were simply typographical errors, of course not with our willor consent, but directly contrary to our expectations and interests).

MURDER AND ROBBERY IN LIMERICK.

A MURDER was perpetrated in this city on the evening of Sunday last, and in the brutality and recklessness of its character it has scarcely a parallel in the annals of Limerick. It has excited the utmost horror amongst every class of the citizens, and in several circles raised exaggerated apprehensions by which many are appalled. The history of the horrifying deed is very extraordinary, but the whole of the details are already within the knowledge of the authorities. On Sunday last Mr Patrick Corbett, the greatly respected proprietor of the Apollo Music Warehouse, in George-street, going out to dine with his brother, Mr William R Corbett, Q E, as was his custom on Sundays, left his house keeper, Ellen Sexton, a woman of sixty years of age, the only occupant, in charge of the premises. The evening was fine and he did not return until about half past ten o'clock, when he opened his hall door with a latch key, and proceeded to a small dressing room which opens off the first lobby. Here it was his orders to the servant, before retiring, to leave a small jet of gas lighting and her masters' bedroom candle on the table. Mr Corbett on entering was surprised to find the gas fully on, and the next thing that attracted his notice was a shilling which lay on the floor, and a label which he knew had been in his cash box in the office of his warerooms. He was struck at once with the conviction that he had been robbed, and hurrying down stairs he unlocked the door leading to the shop from the hall, and had his apprehensions fully confirmed. His cash box was broken open, a heavy iron safe displaced, and other things thrown about in confusion. Wisely determining at once to call in the aid of the police, he hastened to the hall door, whence, after he had looked about for the watchman, and was unable to find him, he ran towards the Constabulary station in William street. On his way he met Mr Joseph Kennedy, junior, and Mr Joseph O'Gorman, who, on hearing of the occurrence, hurried at once to the hall door and remained there until the police arrived. When Mr Corbett returned with a number of officers he proceeded to search the premises for the thieves, but after examining every apartment, and finding no person high or low, the attention of one of the party was attracted to a dry or disused water butt which lay in the coal cellar, and the opening of which was turned towards the grating under the street. The mouth of the barrel was close up to the back of the cellar, and on getting near to examine, it the party perceived the feet of a female protruding beyond the edge. The body was taken out, and the shocking spectacle of the bleeding corpse of the aged servant, Ellen Sexton, was presented view. She must have been dead for some time as the body was then quite cold. Her skull seemed to have been fractured, and her jaw, from the side of the mouth to the ear, was cut open, the throat was also cut across, and there was a vertical cut besides from the breast to the chin. The mangled remains were fearful to look upon, and affected more than one of those who were present beyond endurance. The fortitude of men of physical strength and courage gave way. The Police promptly took measures to trace the criminal, and subjected all present to examination, of course with the fullest belief that they were wholly disconnected from the atrocity. Some light was immediately afterwards thrown on the tragedy by the discovery of an artificial rose, which was observed in the hall by Mr Kennedy, and which seemed to have been worn in a bonnet. Accidentally too, one of the hall chairs was found to have been broken, leading to the supposition that it must have been used in striking and stunning the helpless victim. The conclusions arrived at were that whoever committed the murder must have been conversant with the habits of Mr Corbett, and his aged domestic, as well as familiar with the passages of the house. It is believed that soon after night fall the murderer or murderers knocked at the street door, that when it was opened by the deceased, they rushed into the hall, and while struggling with the servant, struck her on the head with the chair and rendered her senseless. It appeared that then her hands were tied behind her back, for her wrists bore contusions or marks of cords, and that she was lifted, and taken bodily as far as the area, where, perhaps, showing signs of life, her throat was cut, and pools of blood were found on the flagging, thus bearing out this theory. The disused water butt into which the body was thrust, was far in within the cellar, and the impression is, therefore, that the malefactors must have previously known the vessel was there. The ball where the murdered woman was first assaulted, had been hastily and superficially cleansed, and it was not until the matting was raised, and blood found beneath it, as well as spots spattered upon the wall, that the attempt to remove the traces of the diabolical deed was ascertained. The chair was also nicely put together, and no doubt the criminal or criminals then proceeded with the work of plunder. The reasons why it is supposed there was more than one concerned are twofold. In the first place it is thought that more than one person must have been required in the removal of the victim from the hall, as the stains showed no trace of the body having been dragged over them. In the next place, after the warerooms were entered by the window which opened from the auto-room where the gas was lighting, the first act was evident by to force the cash box and valuable contents, which were about five pounds in silver. Near the desk where this box was lying stood a massive iron safe in which Mr Corbett kept books, money and other valuables, and even an end of which the power of a man of great strength would scarcely raise from the stand. But it had been lifted and placed on its back on the same platform, obviously to facilitate the efforts at prising it open. A mass had been driven into the lock, but the effort failed, and the robbers and assassins then left the place by the window through which they entered. They shut down the sash after them, replaced the table which stood opposite it, but in their hurry left the gas lighting, and to this was providentially due the immediate discovery of the atrocity. Had the gas not been fully on, the possibility was that Mr Corbett would have turned it off after having lighted his candle, gone to bed, and slept until morning unconscious of the awful tragedy which was done in his house. The finding of the rose in the hall, and its identification by a lady as one she gave to a female named Mary M'Mahon, a former servant of Mr Corbett's, excited the suspicion that she was concerned in the murder, and she was arrested next day in a state of intoxication with about £3 in silver in her possession, and an article of jewellery belonging to Mr Corbett also. Some months since Mr Corbett having cause to suspect that this Mary McMahon had enticed soldiers in his house during his absence, and otherwise misbehave herself, he was obliged to get rid of her, and he only did so after considerable annoyance and trouble. Since then she made repeated efforts to enter the house, for some purpose, and it is alleged, on one occasion, was seen by Mr O'Regan, car proprietor, endeavouring, with the aid of a man, to scale the wall guarding Mr Corbett's back premises. Not long since she had an angry altercation with the deceased. And, as Mr Corbett's door, which was subsequently detailed, and the conduct of McMahon greatly complained of by her. The Police on learning those particulars lost no time in arresting McMahon, and also some of her intimate acquaintances. One soldier of the 64th Regiment, who had overstayed his "pass," was taken into custody, but was released soon after, as was also a servant who was supposed to have been with the prisoner on Sunday, but who was fully able to account for his continued presence with his family during the entire day, and he was, of course discharged. The Police have been very busy since the murder in hunting up evidence, and it is believed they are on the right track, and will be able to fix the crime on more than one party. There are various rumours afoot as to the awful occurrence. One states that a boy passing the house on Sunday evening heard the words, "Soldier don't kill me," or "don't murder me." Another relates some clothes belonging to the prisoner, M'Mahon, have been found as her lodgings partly washed, but still showing traces of blood. A table knife has been found in the area also, with which it is supposed the murder was committed. She is described as wonderfully cool and collected, and as having let drop no word since her arrest that could be construed into evidence of her guilt. She is a woman of about thirty years of age, of very robust and powerful frame, and evidently of determined character. It is now some thirty years ago since a crime of this kind was committed, and on that occasion a woman was the chief actor. It was the case in which a servant named Coony murdered her mistress, Mrs Davidson, on account of some difference they had, the result of which was the dismissal, or threatened dismissal of Coony. She was hanged at "Gallows Green," where all the city executions then took place, and because, as we have heard, the city prison was built on consecrated ground, and by an old act of parliament no one can be hanged there or in any similar place. Great sympathy is felt for Mr Corbett, whose charity, unvarying courtesy, and general amiability of character, have placed him in the highest estimation amongst his fellow citizens. The details of the inquest are given below.

It is but just to state that the servant, Molloy, who was for some time in custody on the suspicion that he might have known something of the transaction through his having some slight acquaintance with the prisoner, has been discharged without a stain on his character. He is a man who bears the highest testimonials from his late employers.

THE INQUEST.

At one o'clock an inquest was opened by MATHEW DE COURCY, Esq, City Coroner, to inquire into the death of the murdered woman, Ellen Sexton.

The following jury was sworn:—Thomas Roche foreman; William Power, Michael Mulgrave, Timothy Ryan, James Butler, William O'Brien, Alexander Jordan, Valentine Ryan, James Vaneesbock, William P Smith, Peter M'Carthy, Michael Cusack, William M'Cormack, Patrick Reardon, and Edward Hogan.

After being sworn, the jury retired to view the body of the murdered woman, and having returned, into the room,

Mr M'Carthy, RM, asked if there was anything the Coroner now wanted before proceeding with the inquest.

Coroner—I want the witnesses, of course.

Sub-Inspector Cruise—Oh, they are all ready here, sir.

Coroner—Is there any person accused in custody?

Sub Inspector Cruise—There is an arrest made on suspicion merely.

Coroner—I would wish that any person arrested should be present at the inquest.

Sub-Inspector—We have got general instructions that no person arrested is to be brought up before a coroner. I suppose you are aware of that?

Coroner—I am not aware of it. I think it is only fair to the accused person that she should be here and hear the depositions which may be made.

Sub-Inspector Cruise—We have no one arrested positively charged with having committed the offence. A person has been arrested and committed on a remand by a magistrate. A person charged on suspicion will not be brought before you at all.

Mr M'Carthy—Would it not be well if you were to commence and examine Mr Corbett?

Coroner—I will only examine him to identify the body. I will then examine the doctor as to the cause of death, and then I will adjourn for some days to give the accused an opportunity of being present.

Mr M'Carthy—Whom do you purpose examining to identify the body?

Sub-Inspector—One of Mr Corbett's assistants, I believe, is the only person who can do so.

Mr M'Cormack, assistant to Mr Corbett, said that from the position and the condition in which the body was, he would not be able to identify it unless the blood was washed off.

Mr Peter M'Carthy, juror, examined, deposed—I have seen the body of deceased, whom I recognised as Ellen Sexton. I have known her for over thirty years; she was about sixty years of age or more; she was a widow for upwards of twenty-five years, and was always a religious, well-conducted woman.

Mr. McCarthy, RM—When did you see her last?

Witness—It was about a week ago. My wife saw her yesterday at the corner of Roche's street.

Mr Gallway (County Inspector)—What witness will you next examine now sir?

Coroner—Now I will only examine the doctor. But while we are waiting, may I ask why the accused is not produced?

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