

was on the middle of the road at the time, the shot taking effect on his forehead, and exfoliating the flesh, rendering the frontal bone quite bare. He once made off, and although Hanlon, who was staggered, but who never lost his presence of mind, together with his companion, fired and gave partial chase, their assailant was too nimble for them and he escaped. They proceeded to the police barrack and there gave a minute description of the person who fired the shot—they believed to be a pistol—Sub-Inspector Turner, who lives in an adjoining wing of the recently erected barrack, and Head-constable Berghage, and they, with a party of ten men, went in search of the described party. In the meantime Dr Ryan, the medical officer of the dispensary district, was sent for and he examined the wound which he pronounced not dangerous to Hanlon's life unless erysipilis set in, being an elderly man, between fifty and sixty years old. He dressed the wound, and found embedded under parts of the skin a number of small shot, and a few more next day. They proceeded to the residence of a Mrs Coffey, who keeps a public-house in the village, who is sister to Courke, the evicted tenant, the latter with his family residing in her house since his eviction. They arrested her son Malachi Coffey, an athletic looking young man, about twenty-six years old, and conveyed him to the barrack. He was in bed, but his shoes and his stockings were found saturated with wet, it is said. Inside the grove wall where the attempted assassination took place there is a run of water at this period of the year. Hot and powder in the house; the former corresponding in size with the grains found embedded in Hanlon's forehead. The wounded man and his comrade the next day pointed out Coffey from a group of men placed together, as the party who fired the shot, although they said they did not know his name. Major Rolleston, R.M., in charge of the district, arrived by the early train, and held a court of inquiry in the Police Barrack. Coffey was produced, when Hanlon and the man with him positively swore to him as being the young man, who perpetrated the outrage, and stated that they were able to see his face clearly owing to its being a bright moonlight night. Dr Ryan testified to the wounds and the shot embedded under the flesh on the injured man's forehead; the constabulary, to Coffey's arrest, finding his shoes and stockings saturated with wet, and the finding of shot corresponding in size with those got in Hanlon's flesh. Other evidence, though circumstantial, of a corroborative character, was given which compelled Major Rolleston to return the prisoner to trial to the next Winter Assizes. He was brought to Limerick last evening under an escort of police a large party from William-street station, arriving met them at the terminus and accompanied them to the County Gaol.

### CONCERT FOR THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

On Thursday and last evenings, the concert organised for the benefit of St Joseph's Roman Catholic Industrial School and Orphanage was performed at the Theatre Royal, granted gratis on the occasion by the proprietor, Mr Fogarty. Considerable interest is always manifested in the concerts got up for the benefit of this charity by classes of the community, and that was shown in the excellent attendance on both evenings, the stalls and gallery being crowded, and the boxes fairly occupied. There was a large collection of amateur vocalists, but they were not so numerous as the programme mentioned, owing, perhaps, to the exceptional character of the weather. The astonishment being how so many could be free from bronchial affections to be able to sing and sing in such variable weather as at present rules. The concert was under the patronage of Professor Smith. The Band of the Industrial School attended each evening and performed selections from Flotow, Boller, Monte, Sullivan, the Irish Melodist, and Balfe. Their appearance on the stage was such as to give pleasure to those who feel an interest in their welfare, showing manifestly the advantages to populous communities arising from such institutions as Industrial schools; the neatness of their apparel, excited a striking but sad contrast with the disreputable looking garb which the poor little boys brought up at the workhouse appear in when at

gained liberty, were swollen from a farmer named Hogan residing at Coolgolane, outside Tipperary. Afterwards the prisoner, before his removal to gaol, voluntarily made a statement to Head-constable Chalke that his name was Timothy Corcoran, and son of John Corcoran, residing at the Spiddal—a lane in Tipperary; that he was herd to Mr Ryan, farmer at Coolgolane, and was coming to Limerick with two young men who induced him to drink share of a bottle of whiskey, and told him they wanted him to take some cattle for them at the time into Limerick. He could not remember their names. He said he was going to Waterford when he met them. Mr Hogan came into Limerick this morning and identified the four heifers as his property. The arrested party, whose real name is Corcoran, was brought before Mr McCarthy, R.M., at the police-court this morning. Head-constable Chalke stated that he is a discharged soldier, and the owner of the cattle said he did not know the prisoner although he thought he saw him before. He said that Coolgolane is an outlying farm of his outside Tipperary. The prisoner was remained for the production of the prosecutor's herd as a witness preparatory to his being sent for trial to the Winter Assizes. He is a morose looking man about 30 years old.

### THE LATE MAJOR GAVIN, D.L.

The *Cheltenham Looker-On*, a newspaper devoted to local gossip and "sayings in society," referring to the lamented major, says—"The late Major O'Halloran Gavin, M.P. for Limerick, was well known and esteemed in London Society, as a typical Irish gentleman and soldier of the last generation. When, some years ago, Sir Robert Peel (then Member for Tamworth) delivered a speech on some public occasion in which he spoke of the O'Donoghue (M.P. for Kerry) as a "minikin traitor," "the Knight of the Glens," immediately challenged him, and selected his friend Major Gavin to deliver the message. The gallant Major undertook the business with the characteristic zeal of an Irish gentleman in such matters, and demanded that Sir Robert should either give an ample apology in writing or name a friend. Sir Robert did neither, but went off to Lord Palmerston (the Prime Minister) and reported that he had been challenged by a brother Member, who had sent a third Member with a hostile message. Whatever Lord Palmerston might have thought of Sir Robert Peel's motive in consulting him, the noble Lord saw at once that his duty as Leader of the House of Commons was to report the matter without delay to the Speaker! This he assured Sir Robert he would do, and the result was that when the House met at four o'clock, Mr Speaker referred to the circumstances that three (or to speak more accurately two) Members of the House contemplated a breach of the peace, and called upon the O'Donoghue, Sir Robert Peel, and Major Gavin to pledge their honour as gentlemen that the matter should proceed no further. A "scene" followed, in the course of which Major Gavin convulsed the House with laughter by explaining, that as his friend the O'Donoghue had placed the matter in his hands he had suggested a meeting as the only means known to him of adjusting such matters! The interference of the House, of course, put an end to the affair; but there can be no doubt that the O'Donoghue was quite ready to "go out," and that Major Gavin was very much disgusted at the good-natured intervention of Lord Palmerston. It is also a significant circumstance, that although the O'Donoghue has subsequently taken an active part in Irish politics, Sir Robert has carefully avoided making any reference to him."

### THE STATE OF THE STREETS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.  
Limerick, 19th Nov. 1880.

DEAR SIR—I am driven to write on the subject of the dirt of our public and chief thoroughfares, by reading a letter signed "A Resident," in last night's issue of your influential journal, with which I thoroughly concur. I must say that the Corporation of our historic city do not look as they should to the proper cleansing of our street, and thereby leave them in a shocking way. I had occasion to

Mr Abraham stated, that the League had been established in Limerick, the meeting called to elect office bearers; and therefore would now prove that Mr John Finucane the chair *pro forma*.

Mr Finucane, having taken the chair, that hitherto they had a Farmers' Club, had now given place to the Land League. I deemed essential to have a priest as the chair of the League. Of course a clergyman could attend regularly on Saturday, but he could do so as frequently as was convenient for him; as was intended that the Rev. Luke Gleeson, be president, and Mr O'Flaherty as vice-president, who would be always there to preside.

Mr O'Meara proposed the election of the Rev. L. Gleeson as chairman.

Mr Lane wanted to know would he accept, thought he should be first consulted.

Mr Abraham thought it was a compliment to elect him as president.

Mr P. M'Namara assured the meeting that the Rev. gentleman would accept the position of president.

After a little more discussion, the nomination was agreed to.

Mr O'Meara next proposed Mr O'Flaherty vice-president, Mr Finucane and himself as secretaries, and Mr Abraham as hon. treasurer, with a committee to manage the affairs of the club.

Mr Lane seconded the proposition, which was agreed to.

Mr O'Flaherty, on taking the chair, thanked the meeting for the honour conferred. He said he was not aware of the new arrangement that morning, when he acquiesced for the welfare of the club and good of the country. He declared the office of president was not to a honorary one—he would not sanction a clergyman being president who did not work, would neither recognise Father Gleeson nor other cleric, not even the Bishop himself, were not faithful, and to be honestly and practically able to discharge his duties, and therefore he expected Father Gleeson to attend often. He need not undertake any part of the heavy of their meetings, but at all events he had the right, and they had a stronger right to expect to be there, and he should be there, for if he were not he (Mr O'Flaherty) would not be there.

Mr O'Meara, Mr Finucane, and Mr Abraham returned thanks for their appointment.

Mr Finucane said he had received an important letter from Mr E. L. Hunt, of Curragh Bridge, in reference to a case of great hardship brought forward against him the last day of meeting by Miss Griffin. The document was handed to him by Mr Hunt, and he requested of him to read it to the League. In a conversation which he had with Mr Hunt he said he thought it unfair for the League to express their opinions on the merits and demerits of a question until they had heard both sides of it. He (Mr F.) thought it a maxim to hear both sides before coming to a decision; and they ought not express their opinion on this case until both sides were heard. Mr Hunt told him he was perfectly prepared to go before the League, or submit his case to any two members of the League appointed by it; but the best policy was to invite him to attend. He proceeded to read the letter, and had a part when,

Mr O'Meara interrupted and said Mr Hunt ought be present, as his statements would be most injurious to Miss Griffin if they appeared in the Press from the meeting. He considered Mr Hunt should attend.

The Chairman, Mr James Dundon, and other members held that Mr Hunt ought to attend and let Miss Griffin.

Mr Finucane said Mr Hunt would have attended if invited, and he did not know Miss Griffin was there.

Miss Griffin said she expected to meet Mr Hunt and came there for that purpose.

Mr Hogan moved that the letter be read.

Miss Griffin in reply to Mr Lane said she could attend next Saturday, and after a desultory discussion it was agreed to adjourn the reading of the letter till next Saturday, and invite Mr Hunt to attend personally.

The following is Mr Hunt's letter sent to Secretary!—

"Curragh Bridge, Adare,  
November 18th, 1880