

to the ensuing half-year's account. This highly creditable state of finance speaks well for the management of the affairs of the company under the chairmanship of Mr Spaight, and the improved condition is very satisfactory, considering the depression in trade, and more particularly in railway property.

The celebrated Compton Comedy Company will commence a six nights' engagement at the Theatre Royal on Monday night. On the first night of the engagement will be produced "Davy Garrick," in which Mr Compton assumes the title role. His impersonation of David Garrick is imitable, and has been spoken of in terms of the highest praise by the London press, and, indeed, by that of England and Ireland generally. Apropos of this play, the Rev John Berks, of Derby, in a recent sermon, reviewed the literary contributions to the British stage by British writers, and affirmed "that the lessons they conveyed were infinitely more valuable and convincing than either the most picturesque conceptions of the novelist, or the most enthusiastic homilies of the moralist"; and then referred in support of his argument to the performance of "Davy Garrick" which he himself had witnessed in the Theatre Royal, Manchester. "The actor (Mr Edward Compton) was exemplifying the duty of self-sacrifice, and was pointing out to a young girl (Miss Virginia Bateman) at the expense of her own feelings the duty of obedience to her old father." We have no doubt the piece will be appreciated in Limerick as it ought to be; and, judging from the other very popular plays which are to be presented during the week, we feel certain that Mr Compton's second visit to Limerick will be a most successful one in every respect.

THE MAYOR AND THE LATE BISHOP BUTLER. TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE. Sir,—A certain portion of the remarks made by the Mayor at the meeting of the National League on Thursday night, reported in this morning's papers, caused me an amount of surprise, not unminged with pain. To my mind, at such a moment, the indication of his action in connection with the Royal visit to Limerick by saying that the deceased Bishop occurred in his ideas, was completely out of place. But I suppose that he imagined that making the statement would be a good way of regaining the favour of the large number of his co-religionists which he lost by the course he took on that occasion.—I remain, yours faithfully, A CATHOLIC.

MARRIAGE WITH A DECEASED WIFE'S NIECE. TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE. Rathkeale, Feb. 5th, 1886. Sir—Your correspondent "Alpha" admits his knowledge of the fact that marriage with a deceased wife's sister is illegal, but inquires "what about the niece?" Alas! as a lawyer I must unsympathetically inform him that marriage with a deceased wife's niece is wholly void, so strict indeed is the rule that it extends even to the deceased wife's illegitimate collateral. The widow of such a marriage is in the eye of the law the late companion, and not the late wife, of her late husband; and as such is not entitled to any share of her deceased husband's property, under 22 & 23 Car. II., c. 10. The children of such a marriage are in the eye of the law illegitimate, and being so are incapable of inheriting any property, real or personal, or of having any heirs save those of their own bodies. The consanguinity of the wife are always related by affinity to the husband, and the consanguinity of the husband to the wife. By the effect of the 32 Hen. VIII., c. 38, the marriages which are now illegal in respect of proximity of degree are—(1) Those between persons in the ascending and descending line in infinitum. (2) Those between collaterals to the third degree inclusive, according to the mode of computation in the civil law, which reckons the sum of the degrees from, but exclusively of, one of the persons related up to the common stock, and so down to the other person. Whatever chance modern legislation may give "Alpha" of legally marrying his deceased wife's sister he certainly must abjure her niece, and rest satisfied with the deflection of a fair client of mine who recently discussing this question of consanguinity, remarked, "I'm sure it's a great shame that I can't marry my brother-in-law, but then I've a large margin still."

Yours obediently, VERA V. HUNT, LL.B.

LIMERICK TERRIER COURSING CLUB. President—Mr Thomas Fosbery. Vice-President—Mr C. B. Barrington. Committee—Messrs George Browning, Courtenay Croker, Peter Fitzgerald, R. de Ros Rose, Capt F. T. Versphyle. Judge—Mr Thomas Fosbery. Slipper—Mr Frank Kennedy. Hon Sec—Mr A. El Browning. The second meet of this club took place yesterday over the lands of Lemonfield, which were most generously placed at the disposal of the committee by Mr William Russell.

THE LATE BISHOP BUTLER. The remains of the late Most Rev. Dr. Butler will be removed from the Palace, Corbally to-morrow, to St. John's Cathedral; and the arrangements have now been completed in connection with the procession, which is expected to be of a very imposing character. Up to yesterday the body, attired in Episcopal costume, lay in state at the Palace, when it was placed in a mahogany shell, upholstered in satin, a leaden and polished oak coffin being superadded. The funeral procession will start at two o'clock in the following order:—The children attending the different schools and convents in the city, first. Then the members of the Confraternity of the Holy Family, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Clergy, Christian Brothers, &c. The nearest next, and the chief mourners; the Mayor and Corporation, attended by the sergeants and mace-bearers. Then follow representatives of the different public Boards, "National" Leagues, Congregated Trades, &c, and the citizens generally, carrying bringing up the rear. The route will be through Athlunkard street, Bridge street, Rutland street, Patrick street, part of George street, William street, Newtownmahon, and Cathedral Place, terminating at the Cathedral. Some Roman Catholic Bishops are expected to be present and will join in the procession. The coffin will remain in the Cathedral, which is draped in black, and in which are displayed other emblems of mourning, until Tuesday morning, when at eleven o'clock the usual ceremonies pertaining to the impressive occasion will commence. Among the Prelates who are expected to be present are—The Most Rev. Dr. Croke, Dr. Carr, Dr. McEvilly, Dr. Higgins, Dr. Carty, of Cloyne, Dr. Fitzgerald, and Dr. Healy, Coadjutor Bishop of Clonfert. After the religious ceremonies have concluded the interment will take place within the Cathedral.

THE MAYOR AND THE LATE BISHOP BUTLER. At the meeting of the city branch of the Irish National League, held on Thursday night, at the Town Hall. The Mayor, who presided, said—Gentlemen, I think I only voice your wish to-night in moving that this meeting adjourn until this night week as a mark—a slight mark of respect to the memory of our late lamented and pious Bishop. It is unnecessary for me to say here at this branch of the National League, what a loss our Bishop is to us, for in every movement that has taken place in this country for the well-being of Ireland, his lordship was with us in sympathy, and not alone in sympathy, but in time of need he gave us help, and his political help. This is not a place for me to speak of the benefit he has been to the Catholic Church. He has ruled over our diocese with a gentle hand, and everyone who had intercourse with his Lordship knew that he was a kind and considerate gentleman, and a holy and pious Bishop. But we are concerned, or most concerned, with his political relations towards the movements that have occurred in this country. From the year '47, when he entered politics as a Young Irelander to the present moment he never varied. He has been what has been seldom found in Ireland, a consistent politician. He entered public life as a Young Irelander, and I believe in my heart he died a Young Irelander. When the famine of '46, '47, and '48 drove the Irish people into the extreme course of resisting the power of England, the Bishop gave strong sympathy and strong support to that movement; to every movement that took place in Ireland, and he was with us also in every National movement in the city. I have intimate knowledge that with everything done in the city for the past two years we had not alone the sympathy, but the support and the help of his lordship. I had on several occasions to consult with the Bishop in reference to the National movement in Limerick, and he always afforded me the greatest help and support in any action I found it necessary to take. I cannot forget when the respectable classes—the respectable Catholics of Limerick were offended and annoyed at the course I thought it my duty to take as Mayor of Limerick at the time of the Prince of Wales's visit to the city. I cannot forget that when the Catholics gave me the cold shoulder and used some insulting words that I had from the Bishop of Limerick his strong support. His Lordship told me at the time that the action I took in reference to the Prince of Wales was a dignified and many course, and though I was strong and felt strong in the life I thought fit to pursue, still I must tell you that the words and encouragement I received from the Bishop pleased me very much. We have lost in him a good Bishop, a thorough Nationalist, and a friend to the poor, and the united and heartfelt prayer of every man in Limerick is that he may enjoy eternal felicity; and that may God in His good time give us a Bishop as good, as pure, as holy, and as straight on the National question as the late Most Rev. Dr. Butler (hear, hear). I beg to move that this meeting be adjourned to this night week. I won't ask anyone to second it, for I know you are all unanimous that this small token of respect should be paid to his memory, and I will take it that the resolution is passed unanimously (hear, hear). The proceedings then terminated.

A special meeting of the Rural Sanitary Board was summoned for to-day to consider a number of new schemes for the sanitation of the town.

CLARE INTELLIGENCE. (FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT) Ennis, Friday. SHERIFF'S SALE FOR RENT.

This day a sale by auction under a writ of *fi fa*, received by the High Sheriff, to recover the sum of £800, arrears of rent due by Mr John Frost, farmer, to his landlord, Mr Henry V. D'Estéree, for a farm situate at Rosmahaner, Barony of Lower Bunratty, took place in Ennis Courthouse, and being considered by the Nationalists of the League branches of Sixmile-bridge and Newmarket as a case of hardship, and intended with a view to eviction, a display of sympathy was made, a cavalcade entering the town with bands and banners, headed by Rev. Mr Little, P.P., and president of the Sixmile-bridge League, and Rev. Mr Loughnane, P.P., Newmarket. Very little notice was taken of the affair by the townspeople, as the small procession passed through, but the Courthouse was filled. Mr C. Mahon, Sub-sheriff, with Mr P. Browne, auctioneer, went on the bench at two o'clock, and business was proceeded with, a body of Constabulary, under District Inspector Rogers, doing duty in the outer hall. The auctioneer announced the farm consisted of 64 acres, 1 rood, and 30 perches; was very good land, rent, £117 10s; valuation, £78. Rev. Mr Little—I beg leave to ask the auctioneer if he has paid a license? Auctioneer—I ask you, sir, what authority you have to ask me such a question? Sub-sheriff—Go on with the sale, don't mind answering at all. Rev. Mr Little said he had a short statement to make, and in doing so mentioned the course pursued by the landlord was oppressive, it being well known that Frost had been for years paying an exorbitant rack rent (cheers). The landlord wanted to crush him. He was offered all that could be given, £100, and leave the whole to arbitration, but no arrangement could be effected (groans). In fact every thing reasonable was done but he refused (cries of "he's no bargain, he may repent it yet"). The Auctioneer said the gentleman could make a speech in some other place. The sale should go on. The Rev. Mr Little bid £20, and other followed up to £40. The rev gentleman then bid £50, and a gentleman near the Sheriff bid £100. There were loud cries of "Name, name." Auctioneer—Mr Buchanan. (Great groaning and cries of "He belongs to the Property Defence Association—turn him out.") Rev. Mr Little—Let him have it. Say no more here. (A Voice—"He didn't plough it yet nor never will.") The Auctioneer then declared Mr Buchanan the purchaser amidst uproar, and the whole business, which did not occupy ten minutes, terminated. I understand that subsequently all sympathisers with Mr Frost held a meeting in the Town Hall and passed resolutions to sustain him against the tyranny of his landlord in every possible way.

ENNIS PETTY SESSIONS. The magistrates presiding to-day at Ennis Petty Sessions were Mr W. F. Purcell, R.M., (in the chair), Mr Robert H. Grove, and Dr P. M. Callinan. A young man named George Dollard, prosecuted for having a gun in his possession without license, by Sergeant O'Sullivan, with Druncliff, was fined £2. A case in which Mr M. O'Loughlin, of Drumconnors, and two others had a charge against three bailiffs, was postponed until next Court day, the accused not appearing. Three cases at the suit of the police against publicans for keeping open houses on Sunday, were dismissed, evidence leading to the belief that sale was not intended.

KILDYSART BOARD OF GUARDIANS. (FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT) The weekly meeting of the above Board of Guardians was held yesterday, Mr W. Walsh presided. There was a full attendance of guardians, as the proceedings were of much importance consequent upon the embarrassed state of the union. Mr Richard Bourke, D.L., L.G.B.I., was present. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, the following correspondence was read from the Local Government Board, the first letter transmitted being from an evicted farmer, of which the following is a copy:—

"Sir,—The undersigned evicted tenant residing at Deerpark, Trurror, states he is a caretaker of his own house and farm, with six in family, having nothing to maintain them at present until spring opens. He is not able to work at field labour, and made application to the guardians at the last meeting for outdoor relief, which was signed by five respectable ratepayers, and which was refused. He could not leave his place to get into the poorhouse, which he was offered, as he is grasping the last plank of the wreck. What makes the case the harder and more painful, he is the only Protestant in the same electoral division, and has a good lot of local sympathy from his Catholic neighbours and clergymen. Hoping your honourable board will do something to save him from ruin, (Signed) JAMES BREW." "Local Government Board, Dublin, Feb. 3rd, '86." "Sir,—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have

these are so many object no more if a practical made of erecting cottages. Mr Bourke—It is abs objections from farmers Board has no right to d gator who will hold a s Labourers Act that has t tions, and as a matter of been foolishly wasted in FINANCIAL STATE Mr Bourke—I find that this institution is some to be largely in debt to £800 outstanding rates, be recovered. Now such be remedied. Mr Murphy was of opi could not be got over by get in outstanding rates Mr Walsh said it was the poor people of the ordinary rate and see opinion was that unless sent to forgive it it there was no hope of b wishes of the ratepayers. Mr Burke said he would recommend the matter, a memorial be sent at once this point, and he would The Clerk was directed rial required, which he d Adjourned.

RATHKEALE IN (FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT) LECTURE ON "A very interesting lect Wednesday evening in Rathkeale, in connection Christian Association, by B.D., Rector of Askeat "Happiness." The chair was taken as Canon Willis, the Rev Nantenan, and the Rev on the platform. The lecture was opened after which the rev led manner, proceeded with h about an hour and a hal preciated by the large au At the close of the me to the lecturer was propos and seconded by the Rev M ing the vote of thanks to chairman announced the readings" was being of ladies and gentlemen of was sure would prove very be fully appreciated by the meeting closed with the I tion.

TOWN COURT. These sessions were hel Dr Fitzgibbon, (in the c Casey. This was the f Fitzgibbon adjudicated sin the Commission of the Peg The only cases for hea tuted at the suit of the Cl missioners, Mr Joseph C young man for snow-balling was examined who proved defendants throwing sno the town in a state of fusil Fines of 1s 6d respectively v request of Mr Casey the fine of 6d in all the cases.

LIMERICK MARKETS. GRAIN—40 barrels cats in mark to 9d; white barley, 7d to 7 1/2; wheat, 37 barrels barley, 8d to 8 1/2; stone, 8d to 10d. BUTTER—There were 89 ff and 100 lbs of butter at 88 inferior, & s to 508 per firkin of 0 c to 15d per lb. Mild curd, 20s BREADSTUFFS—1st flour, 20s patent, 38s 0d; No. 2 patent, 00s to 00s 0d per cwt; No. 1 hds., 00s Bran, 45 10s to 48 0s. F. polla 24 10d to 23 0d; open air, 24 0s to 20 0s, Indian meal, fine, 20 0s fine Indian meal, 16 8s; catm eatings, 21 0s; whole meal, 21 0s. EGGS.—Duck eggs, 0d to 0d per dozen. MEAT—Limerick and Belfast beef, 6d to 7d; corned, 0d, 5d 1/2; legs and loins of mutton, 8 1/2 to 9d; steaks and chops, 7d to 8d. CROCKERY.—Supply large, 8s per cwt. BARRICKS, 4s to 40s per cwt. IRISH BACON.—Green middles, 5s 10d to 6s 0d; open air, 5s 10d to 6s 0d; pig's heads burnt scalded, 28s 0d per do; hams, 9s 9d per lb. AMERICAN BACON, 30s to 38s per do; hams, smoked, 7d per lb. HAY AND STRAW.—There were straw in market this day. Rye b 24 10d to 23 0d; open air, 24 0s to 0s; new wheaten reed, 5s 0d to 0s 0d per ton; There were 4s straw in market yesterday. Rye lard hay, 27s 6d to 38s; oatmenstraw, 10s. WOOL.—Hogget wool, 9d to 00 9d; lambs wool, 9d to 9d per lb. HIDES & SKINS.—Hides, 5s 0d to 6d and 6s 0d to 5s 0d per stone 2s 0d to 3s 0d each; horse skins, 1s 6d to 2s each; goat skins, 10d to 1s