

same scale. Mr. Sexton, as an orator, is expected to influence powerfully the voters who were hesitating in their choice, and when it is remembered that the very electors were the first to return to Parliament their seemed to be responding champion on the other side fit the lists with Mr. Sexton. That the candidate would be beaten, and eaten, in North Sligo seemed to be a conclusion. But it appears the battle is going to be so easy after all in the hands of those best qualified to judge. The papers of Sligo of last Saturday's date make no reference whatever to the contest which was then looming in the near future. The Nationalist organ, which, when such occurred, denounced Mr. Parnell, the mouthpiece of the MacCarthyites. The *Sligo Champion* is edited by Mr. Parnell, a gentleman who has never concealed his Nationalist opinions, and who is a faithful supporter of the Anti-Parnellites. The editor of the *Sligo Champion* is a gentleman well qualified to forecast somewhat the future contest, and to state what conditions of the opposing forces may be expected. Mr. Parnell's contemporary expresses the opinion that North Sligo "will now become the scene of a fierce struggle between the Parnellites and the Irish Party, as even in Sligo there are some who think it is better that Mr. Parnell should be maintained in his position of despot and dictator than that he should be restored and defeat of Home ruled Ireland averted." It is also stated that the Parnellites and priests are not at all united in their opinion as to Mr. Parnell. The Bishop of Down and his clergy are opposed to the late Premier, but it appears the latter has found an ally in the Bishop of Killala, in the diocese of the western portion of the county. Our contemporary expresses the opinion that "the feeling of the constituency is likely to be decidedly Anti-Parnellite except in the parts of Tíreragh where the clergy have only taken sides against the Irish Party." It is also stated that Rev. J. J. Kelly, P.P. of West, and Rev. Father O'Hara, C.C., have declared for Parnell's leadership. It is stated that the Most Rev. Dr. O'Connell, the Bishop of Killala Diocese, which covers all Tíreragh, is not merely indifferent, but rather encourages the support of Mr. Parnell. Our contemporary, the *Western Standard* of Ballina, which circulates largely in the county, is a strong advocate of Parnellism, and it is understood that it is partly owing to the influence of the Bishop and priests of Killala, in these circumstances it is not improbable that an attempt will be made to create disrup-

showed a surplus of the credit of the fund of £420. The business already reported having been disposed of, a vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LIMERICK.

The report of this congregation states that a sum of £725 4s 7d has been subscribed by them during the year 1890. The chief items (omitting shillings and pence) of this total are General Expenses, £137; Missions, £147; Minister's stipend, £228; Sustentation Fund, £101. We do not know either the number of individuals in the congregation or the number of heads of families, but neither is large. We are inclined to think that the members of the Presbyterian congregation of Limerick have for this and many previous years touched high water mark in the liberality of their contributions to Church purposes. We never heard of any congregation whose average subscription is as high as that of the Limerick Presbyterian Church. Still the treasurer is not quite happy. In the few sentences which introduce the separate items, he says "the Sustentation Fund Contributions are also in advance, mainly owing to a generous donation of £20, from one of the members of the Congregation. We, however, have not yet attained the point at which we aim, viz: having every stipend payer a contributor to this fund." Having done so much already won't the stipend payers make an effort to satisfy this most exacting gentleman?

DEATH OF MR HENRY M'GHIE.

We much regret to announce the death of Mr Henry Martin M'Ghie, who passed away at his residence, Ballyclough, Limerick, this morning, at the early age of 25 years. Mr M'Ghie had been suffering for some weeks past from an internal complaint, and his death was not unexpected, but the sad news was, nevertheless, received with intense sorrow by his numerous friends in the city. The deceased young gentleman occupied a responsible position in the office of Messrs Spaight and Sons, and was esteemed by his employers, and those who worked by his side. In private life, his gentle, retiring manner won for him a host of friends. He was a cyclist of some note, having frequently competed at the Limerick sports; was a member of the gymnastic class of the Protestant Young Men's Association, and also of the lawn tennis and cricket club, and at the annual concert of the latter he had on one or two occasions given proof of his ability as an instrumentalist. We sympathise with his family in their bereavement. It will be seen by the obituary notice that the funeral will leave at 9 a.m. on Thursday, for St Munchin's.

MR RICHARD O'SHAUGHNESSY.

The appointment of Mr Richard O'Shaughnessy as a Commissioner of Public Works has been approved of by the Queen, on the recommendation of the First Lord of the Treasury. Mr O'Shaughnessy was, during his parliamentary career, a strong and able supporter of Mr Gladstone, and the appointment coming from a Conservative Government can only be regarded as a recognition of his ability and capacity as a public official, and of the highly satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of his former office. It shows, too, the desire of the present government to put the best man in the best place, whatever his political opinion may be. The citizens of Limerick have heard of Mr O'Shaughnessy's promotion with great pleasure, and offer him their heartiest congratulations.

THEATRE ROYAL, LIMERICK.

The Easter attraction here (commencing

plause). Mr McDonnell proposed the following resolution—"That this meeting considers essential to the welfare of Kilkee an that the steamer should commence between Foynes and Kilrush in connection with the railway systems of Ireland at an earlier date than heretofore, and are of opinion that custom, goods, and passengers would be benefited by commencing on the 1st of May each year." Father Quinlivan seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Colonel Oakes proposed the following resolution—"That in the event of the Lower Steamship Company refusing to co-operate in the purpose mentioned in the former resolution a meeting be convened at an early date to consider the advisability of forming a limited liability company to carry out the project." Such steps as may be deemed advisable will be taken. Rev Blood Smyth seconded the resolution. Col Oakes proposed and Father Quinlivan seconded a vote of thanks to Mr Rees for his siding, and after being briefly acknowledged the proceedings terminated.

THE RAILWAY STRIKE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHAMPION, Limerick, 16th March.

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed letter from Seaside Rail Co. arrived by return of post, such as I stated, the officials of the W & L are promptly attentive to the public.

If every trader will adopt the plan of insuring the Co. before the Mayor in each case arises of delay and damage, the Director soon be taught that the claims of the not to be ignored.

I am starting the plan to-day by a claim for them for damage done to a keg of butter the loss of time for men and horse on owing to the neglect of their staff in not having 10 kegs of butter for me in proper tin they knew nothing about them until my covered them in a wagon shunted at Foynes road, instead of the goods station.

And 10 chances to 1 had he not found them should not have got them for a week or more.

Yours truly, R.

The following is the enclosure referred to above:—

"Waterford and Limerick Railway Co. Secretary's Office, Waterford 14th March, 1891.

"DEAR SIR—I beg to acknowledge of your letter of yesterday's date, and in reply to inform you that the same has been accompanied it. The same shall be submitted to my Board.

"Yours truly, J. J. MURPHY, Secy.

"R. Gibson, Esq. Town Hall, Limerick.

SUNDAY PENNY DINNER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHAMPION, Limerick, 15th March.

DEAR SIR,—So many people ask "how do you give the people for dinner?" I would kindly let me tell for example I used to-day in serving 223 and a half and 167 and a half of which were paid for by subscribers.

We had 84 lbs turnips, 98 lbs potatoes, 18 lbs dumplings, 6 lbs sugar, 1 lb butter, total 242 1/2 lbs; which was besides 30 buns and a gallon of milk.

We have been open for 16 days, and a half dinners, which cost us £1. We have received from all sources £1.50 this will just enable us to get over next week.

Anyone who is going to have a good dinner on Easter Sunday, and wishes that they have a chance of the same can get it by sending their hearts prompt then to any of the Male Communionists.