

INTENDED BARRINGTON'S HOSPITAL BALL.—We are glad to learn that arrangements are about being made for holding a Ball in aid of Barrington's Hospital some time after Easter; but the date has not yet been fixed. We trust certainly the ball will be very largely supported, as it undoubtedly deserves to be, by the people of the city and county of Limerick and there also, and that the result will be in every way worthy of the deserving object in view.

St. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.—Third Sunday in Lent (1st March).—Morning, 11.30 o'clock. Ven. Rev. Humphreys, M.C.; Chant, Hayes, M.C.; Hopkins, M.C.; Service, Stewart, M.C.; Kyne, M.C.; Communion (Service); St. Mary's and St. Nicholas, The Dean, Reynolds, M.C.; Chant, Hayes, M.C.; D.M.A. and M.C.; Service, Stewart, M.C.; Kyne, M.C.; "Out of the Deep," Ps. cxxx. 1. Hymn; Kyne, M.C.; Preacher, Rev. J. W. F. Madock, V.C. Week-day Services at 11 and 3 daily. Litany on Wednesday and Friday.

APPROACHING VISIT TO LIMERICK OF THE COMPTON COMEDY COMPANY.—We note with pleasure that on April 6th next, Mr and Mrs Edward Compton and the Compton Comedy Company will be with us again for a brief six nights. Their visit on this occasion will have additional interest, as we understand that this will be the last time for the present that they shall see them in the old Comedies. Mr Compton has taken a lease of the Opera Comique Theatre, London, and will, on concluding his present tour, permanently set there, devoting himself to the production of modern plays. Therefore, all lovers of those masterpieces, "The School for Scandal," "The Rivals," "Money," "Davy Grieve," "The Wonder," "She Stoops to Conquer," and many others which form their extensive repertoire, will do well not to miss this opportunity of seeing them with the present unparalleled cast, which may not occur again for a considerable time to come.

DEATH OF A DISTINGUISHED RESIDENT IN SPAIN.—Letters from Biarritz say that a gloom has fallen over the place, owing to the almost sudden death from an accident of Don Guillermo O'Shea, Duke of Sanlucar, for many years a great favourite, and leader of society there. It may almost be said that the late duke's father, an eminent Madrid banker, discovered Biarritz, for he found it a fishing village, and led it on the high road to the prosperity it has attained. It was at one time supposed in Madrid that the late Duke was engaged to the beautiful Dona Eugenia de Montijo, who afterwards became Empress of the French, but he eventually married into a family nearly connected with the Bourbons, and was grand chamberlain of the Madrid Palace for many years during the reign of Isabella II. He was a Spanish grandee of the first class. The Duke of Sanlucar was a cousin of Captain O'Shea, late M.P. for county Clare.

THE P.V.M.A. GRAND ASSAULT-AT-ARMS.—We would direct special attention to the "grand Assault-at-Arms and Gymnastic display," to be given in the Athenaeum on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, by the P.V.M.A. Association. We have had the pleasure of witnessing these performances annually for the last four years, and always look forward with much interest to each successful one. We notice several new features in the programme this year, notably the introduction of the two gymnastic stunts, which in themselves ought to be a rare treat. We also notice that the splendid band of the Worcester-shire Regiment is to commence the evening's entertainment with a selection from the "Gondoliers." As this is to commence at 8 o'clock sharp, and as it may be their last appearance here in public, we would strongly recommend the audience to be in their seats punctually. These enterprising "gymnasts" have had their junior and senior teams photographed, and they are now on view at Messrs Guy & Co. The hall is to be tastefully decorated, and we heartily wish the committee and members a "bumper house."

FISHING AT CASTLECONNELL.—Despite the very bright weather and low water, fishing at this station has been good during the past week. The following is the return:—Captain C. Vansittart, on the Doonass fishery, on the 27th instant, one

DEATH OF THE REV. J. MARSHALL, C.C.

It is regretted that news of the death of the Rev. John Marshall, C.C., St. Mary's, who died rather suddenly at the Parochial House on Thursday evening about seven o'clock. He was preparing in the society to go to the chapel to read out the evening service when an attack of paralysis prostrated him. The Rev. Joseph Bourke, P.P., was present at the moment, and everything that could be done for the rev. gentleman was done, but without avail, as he passed away almost immediately. Father Marshall had undergone a long and trying illness, but for the past couple of months seemed to have improved considerably, and his very sudden and unexpected death has come as a great shock on his numerous friends in Limerick. He was a most popular clergyman, and a very busy parish, where he had officiated for several years, he was an especial favourite with rich and poor. Amongst the numerous clergies in the parish he laboured unceasingly, and did what he could to promote their comfort and improve their lot as much as possible. By them he will long be missed, but by all his parishioners his demise is deeply lamented. The rev. gentleman was about 40 years of age.

The funeral obsequies took place to-day. The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer presided at the Requiem Solemn Mass, which was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, where the remains had been lying since Thursday evening. The officiating clergy were—Very Rev. Father Kirby, P.P., celebrant; Rev. Father O'Donnell, deacon; Rev. Father Cregan, sub-deacon; and Rev. Father Lee, master of ceremonies. After the ceremonies the remains were conveyed to the Mortuary Chapel, New Cemetery, where the interment took place.

The clergy present included—The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, B. C. Bishop of Limerick; Very Rev. Father Moloney, P.P., V.G., St. Munchin's; Reverend Father Fitzgerald, P.P., St. Mary's; Father Meenan, P.P., Kilmallock; Father M'Goy, P.P., Bulgaden; Father Kirby, P.P.; Father O'Donnell, C.C., St. John's; Father Gleason, P.P., Parteen; Father Browne, P.P., Dooloughmore; Father M'Goy, C.C., St. Munchin's; Father Clarke, C.C., St. Mary's; Father O'Donnell, C.C., Father Cregan, C.C., St. John's; Father Hanly, C.C.; Father Dunlop, O.S.A.; Father Donohue, C.C.; Father O'Riordan, S.J.; Father P. O'Carroll, S.J.; Father Hanrahan, O.S.A.; Father English, O.S.A.; Father M'Dermott, O.S.F.; Father Bourke, P.P., St. Patrick's; Father Brennan, C.C., do; Father Quain, Adm., St. John's; Father O'Shea, C.C., do; Father Foley, S.J.; Father O'Keefe, Rector Sacred Heart College; Father O'Shea, Adm., St. Michael's; Father Shanahan, C.C., do; Father Griffin, St. John's; Father Hallinan, C.C., St. Michael's; Father J. Halloran, Kilmallock; Father O'Farrell, C.C.; Father O'Donnell, Bruff; Father O'Grady, St. Michael's; Father Flanagan, P.P., Adare; Father Head, S.J., Mungret College; Father M'Cormack, O.P.; Father Little, P.P.; Father Linton Bathkeale; Father Curtin, St. Munchin's; Brother Slattery, amongst the laity in attendance were—The Mayor (Alderman P. B Jordan), Alderman Jerome Counihan, J.P.; Dr. Eoderick O'Connor, Dr. M. R. O'Connor, Dr. O'Sullivan, Dr. Bourke, Messrs James Nash, J.P.; Wm Spillans, J.P.; Jeremiah Anglim, T.C.; Wm Abernathy, M.P.; John Finucane, M.P.; John Guinane, J.P.; Ambrose Hall, junr; James Flynn, Cruise's Hotel; P. E. Bourke, High Sheriff; Joseph Matterson, J.P.; James Delaney, M. J. Kenny, F. Clancy, F. Vanesbeck, P. M'Sweeney, T.C.; J. A. Place, P. Tracy, Stephen Hastings, solr; A. C. Wallace, Town Clerk; C. O'Donnell, solr; T. M. Bourke, A. J. Eakins, Manager Guy and Co.; A. O'Keefe, F. St. Clare Hobson, County Sub-Sheriff; D. F. McNamara, T.C.; Jeremiah M'Carthy, solr; S. Tubridy, J. Forrest.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs Cannock and Company.

PRESENTATION TO MR. G. T. O'NEILL.

On Saturday evening last Mr G. T. O'Neill, who for the past four years has been manager of Messrs Guy and Company's Limerick house, was presented by the employees of the concern with an address and testimonial on the occasion of his departure for Belfast to assume the more responsible position of manager of the branch which the firm has lately acquired in that city. The address, which was artistically engrossed and

CLARE SPRING ASSIZES.

SWEARING IN OF THE GRAND JURY.

(FROM OUR REPORTER.)

Yesterday at one o'clock Mr Robert G Parker, J.P., Ballyvaughan, High Sheriff for Clare, entered the Criminal Court at Ennis Courthouse, when the following gentlemen were sworn on the Grand Jury for the transaction of fiscal business by Mr John Henry Harvey, Clerk of the Crown and Peace—

- Captain Charles George O'Callaghan D.L., Ballyvaughan, Tuilla, Foreman.
Robert William Carey Reeves, D.L., Bessborough.
Henry V. MacNamara, D.L., Ennistymon House.
Major William Mills Molony, D.L., Kiltannon.
James Foster Vesey Fitzgerald, D.L., Moyriack.
Captain Richard R. Studdert, J.P., Bunratty.
Wm. C. Vandeleur Burton, D.L., Carrigaholt Castle.
Thomas George Staepole Mahon, D.L., Corbally.
Colonel Marcus Paterson, D.L., Clifden.
Colonel J. O'Callaghan, J.P., Maryfort.
Wm. H. Wilson Fitzgerald, D.L., Adelphi.
Major Wilson Lynch.
Baget Blood, J.P., Templemaley.
John W. Scott, J.P., Roslevin.
Colonel Thomas S. McAdam, J.P., Ballinacourty.
Major G. S. Studdert, Miltown Malbay.
Captain Thomas Westropp Ellis, J.P., Miltown Malbay.
Thomas Crowe, D.L. Dromore.
Captain George O'Callaghan Westropp, Bodyke.
Wm. Lane Joynt, J.P., D.L., Ballyvaughan.
Marcus Keane, J.P., Beech Park.
James Frost, J.P., Cratloe.
J. G. Going, Violet Hill.

The High Sheriff thanked them for their punctual attendance, and informed them that the Commission would open at three o'clock on Monday.

The Grand Jury then retired to their room to consider the applications for presentments.

THE EXTRA POLICE TAX.

Mr Wm Steele Studdert, J.P., attended and addressed the Grand Jury on the advisability of levying the extra police tax on the baronies or places where the outrages, necessitating the presence of the police, were committed. This was a matter which he considered of much importance, and should be taken into account by the Grand Jury. He did not wish that the presentment should be reduced by one penny, but under the Act of Parliament the Grand Jury were empowered to impose the extra tax on baronies, half baronies, or places. They would be conferring a great boon on the people if this extra taxation for police was placed on the townlands where outrages were perpetrated. If that were done he believed that information as to offenders would be more easily procured, because it was believed by some that these outrages were not committed without the knowledge of persons in the district. It was very hard on the cess payers of his barony where an outrage had not taken place for the last thirty years to have an extra tax placed on them.

Mr Reeves—Are you sure about this?

Mr Studdert—The Act of Parliament is clear on the subject.

Mr Reeves—It is a very important matter, and requires very serious consideration if we have power to do it.

Mr Studdert said he did not object to have the tax paid.

Mr Reeves—Your idea is to have it levied the same as in cases of malicious injury.

Mr Vesey Fitzgerald said it was not an opportune time to discuss a question of law. The matter was a very important one, and he thought it should be referred to a committee of the Grand Jury.

The Chairman agreed with this view.

Mr Studdert—Far be it from me to dictate to the Grand Jury. I am only placing this before you.

The Chairman said he had a perfect right to do so as a cesspayer.

Mr MacNamara said Mr Studdert seemed under the impression that outrages were committed by the people in the district, or with their

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