

no hostile State ready to join England's enemies in a war with the British Empire at the first opportunity. The Liberals of England are coming to their senses, and it is time for them to recover their mental equilibrium. "The life has gone out of Home Rule agitation in England," says Dr. James; "its trophy must sooner or later end in utter collapse, and it is time that legislation should proceed in due course, hastened by the Liberal Party, and, as you would say, steadied and safeguarded by the Conservatives." Sir William arcourt and Sir George Trevelyan, disguise as they may, are of the very same opinion, and to judge from their latest speeches they would be glad to see the disturbing element of Separation eliminated from the programme for the next election. It is their only chance of return to power.

YESTERDAY having been appointed "Education Sunday" for the Diocese of Limerick, it is hoped that the appeals which will be made in the city and county churches in behalf of the exhausted funds of "The Diocesan Board of Education" will be generally and liberally responded to. It is also desirable that the list of annual subscriptions may be considerably increased. An examination of the reports annually presented to the Diocesan Synod will show that the sums hitherto contributed to the Diocese in the way of subscriptions and collections have been quite inadequate for meeting the heavy expenses involved in maintaining the varied and extensive work which the Diocesan Board is engaged in carrying on from year to year. The necessity for and the advantages of this work are so manifest and so great, that the Board confidently appeals to the friends of Religious and Secular Education to show their interest in and approval of this most useful Diocesan work by their liberal contributions in response to the appeals to be made tomorrow.

SIR PETER O'BRIEN, Bart., is to be congratulated on the new and well-deserved honour which has fallen to him. It is not given to every law officer of the Crown to be made Lord Chief Justice of Ireland and a baronet as the reward for his services. Men with greater names as orators and lawyers than Peter O'Brien have had to be content with far less. At the same time it must be remembered that the newly created baronet was the mark for much obloquy during his years of office, and perhaps much of Mr Balfour's exceptional success as Irish Secretary is due to his having beside him the gifted Irishman, whose faithful services he did not forget to reward. Sir Peter is the son of Mr T. O'Brien, who represented Limerick for eleven years, 1841-52. He was called to the Bar in 1865, and was made a Q.C. in 1880. In 1887 he became Solicitor-General, which office he held but for a time, becoming Attorney-General a few months after. Whilst holding the latter office he incurred the bitter enmity of the Home Rulers, and as

the band played a DAB OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM. Afterwards the troops gave three hearty cheers for her Majesty the Queen. The March Past then took place, the Hussars keeping time to a lively air, and were followed by the Artillery and Infantry. There being no further manoeuvres, owing, as stated, to the heavy rain, the troops returned to barracks. Lieut-Colonel Mallins was in supreme command.

The Queen's Birthday was suitably celebrated at the Ordnance Barracks. This afternoon athletic sports were held in the square, and a simple, but admirably arranged programme, consisting of thirteen events, was gone through. There was a large and fashionable attendance on the invitation of Lieut-Colonel Mallins and officers of the Royal Artillery, and the proceedings, which were thoroughly enjoyable, were enhanced by the presence of the splendid band of the Black Watch, which discoursed some admirable selections. The success of the undertaking was due in a large measure to the efforts of Major Buckle, who is ever desirous of making everything as comfortable as possible for visitors. The names of the winners of the events, and the list of invitations will be published in our next issue.

FUNERAL OF MR. JOHN RYAN, T.C.

The funeral of Mr John Ryan, T.C., whose death occurred on Thursday, took place to-day, a large number of sympathisers and friends being present. The remains were removed to St. Michael's Church, where Mass was celebrated this morning, after which they were conveyed to the New Cemetery. In addition to a number of clergymen, the attendance included, the Mayor (Alderman P. Riordan), Mr A. C. Wallace, Town Clerk; Mr P. M'Sweeney, T.C.; Mr P. B. Ryan, Alderman John Dundon, Solicitor; Mr M. J. DeCourcy, City Coroner; Mr Wm. E. Corbett, C.E.; Mr L. E. Ryan, T.C.; Mr Jeremiah Anglim, T.C.; Mr P. S. Connolly, Solicitor; Alderman D. Ryan, Mr Michael Egan, Mr James Flynn, Cruise's Hotel; Mr Patrick Herbert, T.C.; Mr Foran, Mr David Begley, T.C.; Mr Henry O'Shea, Mr D. F. McNamara, T.C.; Mr Keenan, Mr Thos Hartigan, T.C.; Mr Matthew Riordan, Solicitor, etc.

LIMERICK HORSE SHOW.

The weekly meeting of the Limerick Horse Show Committee was held this afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce, Lord Emly presided, and there were also present—Sir James Spaight, J.P., D.L.; Sir Charles Barrington, Bart.; Dr. Levers, the Mayor, Messrs William Spillane, J.P.; W. L. Stokes, J.P.; P. Fitzgerald, J.P.; O. D. Coll, V.S.; A. E. Bannatyne, County High Sheriff; J. O'Grady, Delmege, J.P.; J. F. Power, W. J. O'Donnell, J.P.; T. O'Brien, E. C. Winter, V.S.; J. P. Morrissey, J. Matterson, J.P.; T. M'Mahon Cregan, J.P.; James Harris, J. F. Bannatyne, D.L.; W. F. Kenny, George Gloster, W. Leahy, solicitor; and F. G. M. Kennedy, J.P. A resolution was adopted inviting the presence of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant at the Horse Show. The committee unanimously decided to extend the entries at single fees to Saturday, 6th June, it being anticipated that the additional time will be the means of augmenting the entry.

LIMERICK RACE COMPANY.

The first statutory general meeting of the shareholders of the Limerick Race Company was held at Cruise's Hotel last evening. Mr Wm. Spillane, J.P., presided, and forty-four shareholders attended. After some important matters had been discussed, it was decided that the directors should meet on Monday evening next to make arrangements for the erection of a stand, and the laying out of the course. The meeting also arranged to hold the first meeting over the

The examination for the part held on the 28th inst. The Rev Canon Gabbett (Rector), Haydn. Ten children were examined.

SECOND CLASS.

First Rank—Cecil Furnell, Percy Furnell, John Williams.
Second Rank—Olive Johanson

BRUFF.

The examination for Bruff on the 29th inst. There were present B. Wills (Rector), and the ex G. M. Luther. Six children were examined.

FIRST CLASS.

First Rank—John Hopley, J.

THIRD CLASS.

First Rank—Mary Moreton.

FOURTH CLASS.

First Rank—*William M Moreton.

SIXTH CLASS.

Second Rank—Jane Regan.

The Diocesan Sunday School of the parishes of St. Munchin, Kilmurry, was held in the F Hall on Friday, the 29th inst. children from Trinity Church were examined. The examiners were M. Foley, B.D.; Rev. William and Rev. J. B. Radcliffe, M.A. children examined.

ST. MUNCHIN.

FIFTH CLASS.

First Rank—*Madaline Giphenson, *Christina Carey, *G *Cecilia McCormick.

FOURTH CLASS.

Second Rank—Bella Stephen George Kearon.

THIRD CLASS.

First Rank—May Clarke, a land (equal), Susan Hawker, 1
Second Rank—Thomas Moore Herbert Despard, Jane Bassett

SECOND CLASS.

First Rank—Lizzie Stephens
Second Rank—Bertie Kear Rose Sandwith, Fanny Taylor head.

FIRST CLASS.

First Rank—Frank Kearon, son, Emily Bassett, Lizzie Taylor.
Second Rank—Thomas McC

ST. PATRICK.

SEVENTH CLASS.

First Rank—*Annie Radcli

FOURTH CLASS.

First Rank—*Ethel Conway

THIRD CLASS.

First Rank—Walter Bolton
Second Rank—James Bewl

SECOND CLASS.

First Rank—Henry Shire,

KILLURRY.

FIFTH CLASS.

First Rank—*Sara Duffield

FOURTH CLASS.

Second Rank—Margaret D

FIRST CLASS.

First Rank—Leopold Matt

TRINITY.

FIRST CLASS.

First Rank—Gertrude Roo

KILCORNAI.

FOURTH CLASS.

First Rank—*Albert Coult

SECOND CLASS.

First Rank—Edith Coult

Those whose names are in to compete at the Medal Exa