

# LIMERICK CHRONICLE, SATURDAY EVENING NOVEMBER

is room for 5,000, for in Denmark, is smaller than the single province of Ulster, there are no less than 1,600. This interesting letter, the substance of which we are placing before our readers, concludes by saying that in the opinion of the writer, everything points to Ireland being by nature the richest and best butter-producing country in the world, if the Irish farmers, adopting the methods which science has discovered for the production of good and profitable dairying, were to imitate the methods of Denmark and Sweden, and thus, by the union of the poor, achieve more than wealth can accomplish."

It is deemed probable that the ukase prohibiting the export of wheat from Russia, which has just come into force will not be withdrawn until next year, and perhaps not then if next year's crop is of promising character. This, of course, would be an excellent thing for America, from which country it is calculated Europe will have to import about 650,000 quarters of wheat and flour weekly during the next six months. Of immediate importance is the fact that the Russian prohibition will be at once seriously felt by the British millers, and probably by some Irish millers also. Russian wheat has come to be regarded by the trade as a necessity for mixing with the local wheat on account of its strength and colour, and it will be extremely difficult to find a satisfactory substitute.

Lord Inchiquin has arrived at Kingstown from London.

The Earl of Dunraven has returned from his winter cruise, and is now staying at Dunraven Castle, Glamorganshire. It is probable that his departure will proceed to Ireland immediately.

Michael Davitt, who will, it is announced, be at Charleville by the midday train, will preside at a labour meeting at Drumcolloher this evening. The meeting is expected to be a large one.

We understand that the Penny Dinners will be held at the Markets, Cathedral Place, on Tuesday, December 1. Donations and subscriptions will be received by Mrs C. Fitt, hon treasurer, 9 Crescent.

The list of those who attended the presentation of addresses to the Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer at the University College on Thursday, the names of Messrs James and Stephen B. Quin, J.P.'s were unfortunately omitted.

A contemporary announces that Lieutenant-General Buckle, Royal Artillery, who gave up command of the 69th Field Battery about the time he left Limerick a few weeks ago, has voluntarily returned from the army.

## THE LATE MRS THOMAS SPAIGHT

The interment of this lamented lady, relict of the late Thomas Spaight, Esq., of Ardnatagle, took place to-day at the family vault, O'Brien's Bridge, and the cortege was of a large and representative character, which was an evidence of the high esteem in which the deceased was held by the residents of the surrounding districts. Amongst those present were—Sir James Spaight, D.L.; Colonel Spaight, B.E.; Rev Robert P. Baylee, Rev M. E. O'Malley, Rev Precentor Veecher, Rev Canon Gillespie, Rev Canon Lloyd, Mr Robert E. White, General the Hon Sir David Fraser, Mr Edward White, Mr Arthur White, Mr James D. Going, Mr Charles E. Tuthill, Mr Robert O'Brien Studdert, Mr Charles Studdert, Mr Francis Morice, Mr Wm Bently, Mr Anthony Parker, Castle Lough, Killaloe; Mr Robert Parker, Ballyvalley; Mr Robert Gabbett, Mr Robert Smithwick, Captain Wm Smithwick, Mr George Smithwick, Mr F. Smithwick, Captain Studdert, R.N.; Mr H. Koe, Captain Koe, Mr J. N. Atkinson, Colonel Vincent, Mr R. Twiss, Mr Charles Ryan, Mr R. S. Welsh, Clonlara; Mr M. G. S. Welsh, Clonlara; Mr H. Lefroy and Mr H. Lefroy, junr., Killaloe; Mr C. M. MacDonald, Mr Hugh Massey Westropp.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by P. McCarthy and Sons, George street.

## THEATRE ROYAL.

On Thursday and Friday evenings, Mr Mark Melford's Company, under the direction of Messrs Clarence Soules and F. W. Trevalion, produced at the Theatre Royal a new drama, in four acts, entitled *The Hidden Terror*. We regret that such an attractive piece, and so superior a company, were not better supported by the local public, as undoubtedly the performance is one capable of affording much enjoyment. The plot, which abounds with thrilling situations, tells the story of two lovers, one of whom passes through a terrible ordeal—consigned through cratty designs to a lunatic asylum from which he ultimately escapes, and then finding his wife, for such she was, married to another, believing him dead, he ends his life with his own hand. As "Gertrude" Miss Retta Prince acted the role of the handsome, tender-hearted woman, with much grace and skill, and as "Lucius Tierce," a wealthy sculptor, the splendid acting of Mr Edmund Grace deserves the highest praise. He fully sustained the interest attaching to this trying part—his fine delivery and skilful impersonation vividly bringing out the noble, pure-souled nature of the character. As "Dr Hartleigh," his rival, to the hand of "Gertrude," Mr William Boyce gave a very capable representation of the role, and Mr Harold L. Hilliard ably took the part of "Gilbert Sarcliff," the wily stockbroker, always cool and calculating no matter what danger might threaten him. We must also refer to Miss Ida Molesworth, who, as "Nora Dumurge," an admirer of Hartley's, displayed dramatic talent of a high order. Mr Joseph E. Tate as "Wolf Aylward," was very good, and the minor parts were capably filled. The performance concluded with a very laughable farce entitled "The best man wins." The engagement closes to-night, when we trust the company will be accorded a better house than that which we witnessed last evening.

## RATHKEALE MUSICAL AND LITERARY

## LIMERICK LACE TRAINING

A special general meeting of the General Committee of the Lace Training School was held this afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce. Mr Bourke amongst those present were—Mr Vere O'Brien, Lady Barrington, Miss Vincent, Mrs Lloyd, Mrs O'Gorman, Mrs Power, Mrs Egan, Mr and Mrs N. the Misses Ryan, Mr Greene Barr Doyle, Mrs Gavin, Mr J. Quin, Mr Frost, &c.

Mr Archibald Murray, Hon Sec of the Chamber of Commerce, made an apology for unavoidable absence. Mr O'Grady Delmege, and Mr W. L. Shaw, hon. secs, telegraphed regretting his inability to be present.

The following report presented to the committee, was read:—

"The committee feel gratified in reporting most favourably of the progress of the Lace Training School. Since its commencement in May 1889, it has now been in existence two and a half years, and a considerable proficiency has been attained by the older workers.

"The number of pupils at the school is 22, and their attendance is regular, as well as their apparent desire to work in which they are engaged could be desired.

"As an evidence of the progress made it may be mentioned that the Royal Dublin Society's Horse Show, which was successful in obtaining prizes with work done by girls who had been in the school only fifteen months before, is a very satisfactory result, naturally, through a misunderstanding of the school, the school is not a competitor at the Show, but some very creditable work had been done specially for competition. As a further evidence of the progress made, and the care of the school, several prizes have been received, and executed and have given satisfaction to those who have seen the school with their orders.

"Financially, the school is at present in a very satisfactory position. The amount of about £170, in round about the weekly expenses amounted on an average to £23, and the committee, foreseeing the necessity for funds to carry on the school, and the desirability of having it in a position of efficiency and excellence, before applying to the public for funds, considered it the best plan to adopt. They found it difficult to obtain on certain terms, and the committee, and funds connected with the development of Irish Industries, to be repaid by instalments at periods, but not wishing to bind themselves by any such obligations, and two gentlemen of the committee being willing to secure one of the local banks, the plan was adopted. Of course against the school there is the stock on hand, and the room, and some small debts, but all say to £60 or £70. Your good arrangement will be carried out at once, which will place them in a position to continue the school for some time to come, in circumstances long enough to enable them to train thoroughly and to employ a number of young workers.