

er the conductorship of Mr. Musprat served by lady members of the company. On Saturday, there was a romantic Concert when the music was of high excellence. From the which has attended previous Art Ex- we feel sure the public of all classes he present one their cordial support.

Haggard and Mr. Conan Doyle, have stanced in the portrayal of romantic ad- y "our own special correspondent," per special wire," in an account of an with Mr. Davitt, in London, on Wed- ght. Mr Davitt paid England a flying is looking better than might have been though his manly, thoughtful brow is by a deep and broad scar, the latest ial of gratitude which Irish Nationalism

to its most distinguished patriot." A a patriotic blackthorn, leaving "the broad scar" aforesaid, pales before the ig experience" of being pursued by a cy- ical, tore everything into matchwood, in a velling at the rate of a hundred miles an d beating the cyclone by less than fifty he following is the romantists account of ident:—"Mr Davitt had one thrilling ice during his tour which he described graphic power which I cannot hope to ce. The train on the Canadian Pacific / by which he was travelling was chased lone. The country was as flat as a billiard

Suddenly in the far distance was seen a ng storm cloud which descended straight e skies until it touched the earth. The ned passengers in the train, witnessed one most extraordinary scenes that mortal r beheld. Everything in the path of the e went to pieces as if it were match board, arms, stone walls were sent flying into the d the destroying angel, for such it seemed, bare stretch of prairie behind it. The most thing of all was the knowledge that the e lay in the direct track of the train, and it could not be outpaced, destruction was tely certain. Women shrieked and cowered in the carriage, hiding their eyes from what d certain death: It was literally a race for nd the engineer seeing the danger put on eed until the train must have been running r short of one hundred miles an hour. The e raced on, and to the last moment it was a ion whether it would catch the cars or not. t missed them. The storm passed within feet of the last carriage and tore up the rails they had been strips of paper. Had the train two or three seconds later it would have destroyed as if it had been a child's toy."

DEATH OF THE REV. JOHN BOURKE, P.P. PALLASKENRY.

We regret to observe the announcement of the death of a venerable P.P. clergyman, the Rev John Bourke, P.P., of Pallaskenry, who died at the Parochial residence on the 5th January, at the ripe age of 85 years. On the 12th July, 1832 Father Bourke was ordained by the late Bishop Ryan in the old parish church of St John's. He was immediately appointed to the curacy of Killnade, where he laboured under the pastorate of Father Sheehy, then well advanced in years. The following year, Father Bourke began the building of the church at Ardpatrick, and succeeded in completing it without leaving one shilling of debt upon the structure. He was also instrumental in opening a National School for the benefit of the children of the parish. In 1844 he was appointed parish priest of Cratloe, and in January, 1864 succeeded the late Father Shanahan, P.P., in the charge of Pallaskenry. Father Bourke was a zealous and earnest clergyman, and was most popular with all classes and creeds in the district where he had resided for twenty-eight years. The funeral obsequies took place at Pallaskenry to-day, there being a large number of clergy and laity present.

DEATH OF MRS. MASSY-DAWSON, OF BALLINACOURTE.

We regret to have to announce the death of Harriet, wife of Captain George King Staunton Massy-Dawson, D.L., J.P., of Ballinacourte, County Tipperary, which melancholy event occurred at her residence on Tuesday morning. The deceased lady took an active and a benevolent interest in the welfare of those amongst whom she lived, and evinced a remarkable solicitude and kindness of heart in ministering to the wants of the labouring classes, and in relieving distress wherever it existed around her. She was a liberal supporter of the religious and charitable institutions of the county, and her loss will therefore be greatly felt. Mrs Massy-Dawson was sister of the late Countess of Donoughmore and Mrs E M Armstrong, of Mealiffe.

SUDDEN DEATH IN A TIPPERARY CHAPEL.

A sad occurrence took place in Tipperary Chapel yesterday during the celebration of last Mass. Shortly before the elevation a man named Hayes, who was standing near one of the entrances to the Church, was observed exhibiting signs of weakness, and was about to fall when he was seized by some persons near him, and removed to the yard in an unconscious state. After a short time in the air his condition became more critical, and he was removed to the Sanctuary where he was attended by Dr Charles Ryan and the Rev Father Castwell, C.C., but though everything was done to recover consciousness, he never rallied, and expired in a few minutes. Heart disease was the cause of death.

THE BLACK WATCH.

Brevet Major Lord Alexander Kennedy, of the 2nd Battalion Black Watch, at Limerick, has voluntarily retired from the army, and in consequence there is now a vacant company command

LIMERICK FISHERY BOARD.

The monthly meeting of the Limerick Fishery Conservators was held to-day in the Grand Jury Room of the County Courthouse, Mr H. V. Ma Namara, D.L., and subsequently the Hon Gast Monsell, D.L., Chairman, presiding. The other present were—Messrs James Greene Barry, J. J. A. Place, C. B. Heaton-Armstrong, G. Bassett, J.P.; J. N. Russell, J.P.; A. E. Bantyns, J.P.; J. Enright, and Dr Kelly, J.P.

Mr E. H. Poe Hosford, Assistant Secretary and Mr Roger, Inspector, were in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

With reference to an order made at last board meeting directing the Secretary ascertain, for the purpose of prosecution, owners of certain weirs at Castleconnell and the Lower Shannon.

Mr Hosford said in the case of Mr Pegum, is a Conservator, he did not think they would be able to go on with the prosecution, inasmuch as the time would have expired. A prosecution fishing during the weekly close time had been brought against him, but for want of evidence to the ownership of the weir the case was missed. Mr Pegum, he had ascertained, was mortgagee of the weir, and it would be necessary to produce the mortgage deed and the disreceiver; but as the statute of limitation would have expired before they were in a position to proceed the prosecution could not be brought. The district receiver refused to give any information until he was forced.

The Board made an order to the effect that the time for taking proceedings had expired and prosecution could not be proceeded with.

Mr Hosford said that with reference to Mackay's case, he had written twice to the Chief of Works Office asking for information as to whether he had leased the weirs at Castleconnell, in reply to his first letter they wrote requesting to be informed for what purpose the information was required. In reply to his second communication he had received a letter from Mr Mackay stating that he could not see any reason for departing from the ordinary rule, and the Board must decline to advise the Board of Works to make any exception in this case. Information could be had in the regular way. The prosecution failed, owing to the want of evidence as to ownership of the weirs.

The Chairman (Mr M Namara)—Are all the weirs held under lease from the Board of Works?

Mr Hosford—Yes sir.

Mr Place said that in Mr Mackay's case there was no evidence at all tendered as to ownership.

The Chairman—That must have been neglected on the part of somebody.

Mr Hosford said their solicitor had commenced the prosecution, but such a point was raised before the court.

Mr Barry—Oh, yes, but we had never had the sort of man to deal with before.

Mr Hosford—The magistrates will not give evidence unless you are in a position to produce evidence than hearsay.

Mr Barry said it was all nonsense about the title. They could carry out the prosecution if they were determined about it. They either make an order to carry out the prosecution or abandon it. There were many giving evidence to show who were owner