

gentlemen amateurs will take part in the programme. From a musical point of view, therefore, it ought to be in itself, sufficient to attract a crowded house, but when we consider the object of the concert, we feel assured that there will be bumper houses on the occasion. The Industrial School is doing a most important work in teaching young fellows, who would otherwise be thrown on the world without parent or friend,—some trade or calling to fit them for the battle of life. Anyone visiting the schools and seeing the various industrial occupations at which the boys are employed, as well as their excellent workmanship, must be struck with the excellence of such an institution and the unremitting care and attention of the masters. The accommodation for the boys is, however, inadequate, and it is intended to carry out a most necessary work of enlarging the building. We hope that the proceeds of the coming concert will be a substantial aid to the Brothers in the carry-out of this work.

The Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held to-morrow at Kilmurphy Church, at 11.30 o'clock.

The Rev George Thompson, M.A., (one of the Missioners) will preach at St. Michael's Church, to-morrow at morning service, 11.30; and also conduct a Children's Service at 3 o'clock.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce held yesterday, J. F. G. Bannatyne, Esq., D.L., and A. W. Shaw, Esq., J.P., were unanimously re-elected President, and Vice-President for the ensuing year.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services at Castleconnell Church will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at 11.30 o'clock a.m., and 5 p.m. Morning preacher, the Right Rev the Lord Bishop of Killaloe; afternoon, the Rev. F. Langbridge, Rector of St John's, Limerick. The offertory will be in aid of the Sustentation Fund.

Mr William P. O'Brien, Asst. Commissioner of the Royal Commission on Labour, is at present in Clare, collecting information for the purpose of the Commission. He attended at the last meeting of the Ennistymon Board of Guardians, and asked the co-operation of the board and its officers in his researches, which was willingly promised by the Chairman, the O'Donnellan Blake-Forster.

A large rick of straw, containing about 20 tons, the property of an Ennis merchant, Mr Michael Glynn, P.L.G., was maliciously set on fire last night on his farm at Ashline, near the residence of the Most Rev. Dr MacRedmond, and wholly consumed, notwithstanding the efforts of the neighbours to save it. He has lodged a claim for £40 compensation with the Secretary to the Grand Jury.

THE SHANNON HOTEL, CASTLECONNELL.—The following are now staying for the autumn fishing:—Mr H. Hodges, Sir H. B. Meredyth, Bart., Mr T. S. Chappelle, Mr W. J. H. Jones, Mr E. G. Davies, Captain Rayly.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.—16th October.—Matins, 11.30 o'clock—Venite, Hayes, in A; Chant, Stack, in E, Turle, in E; Service, Garrett, in E; Communion Service, Garrett, in F. Egan-song, 3.30 o'clock—Chant, Coward, in A flat, Goss, in D flat; Service, Garrett, in E; Anthem, "God so Loved the World," John III, 16 (Stainer).

DEATH OF MR WILLIAM SYDNEY COX, C.E.

With feelings of the deepest regret we record this evening the death of a gentleman who was widely known and held in the highest esteem, not only in this city, but throughout the South of Ireland—Mr William Sydney Cox, C.E., who passed away at his residence, 66 George-street, this morning, after a protracted illness. Still his death was rather unexpected, and it came on the citizens to-day with painful surprise. Mr Cox was a gentleman of the highest professional attainments and his career was a more than usually successful one. At an early age he entered the Queen's College, Cork, and was a class fellow with the ex-Attorney General, Mr John Atkinson, Q.C. During his undergraduate course he regularly obtained high mathematical honours, including a University Science Scholarship. In due time he obtained the degree of Bachelor of Arts and that of Bachelor of Engineering with gold medal. Mr Cox, who was the second son of the late Mr John Cox, C.E., of Ballyneel, in this county, settled in Limerick, where his professional abilities were immediately recognised. He was connected with almost all the principal architectural works in the South of Ireland, and one of the most notable of these was the extensive series of alterations and additions which he carried out for the late Colonel the Hon Charles White at Caheroon House, which rendered it one of the most imposing private mansions in Ireland. Mr Cox held the important appointment of Inspector under the Board of Works when there were only four such officers in Ireland instead of the large staff now existing. He was also connected with several drainage boards, Mr Cox's intimate acquaintance with land rendered his services important as a valuer between landlord and tenant, and his valuations were such as to command the respect of both sides. Gradually also his business as land agent extended itself till there was hardly a county in the south and east of Ireland in which estates were not committed to his supervision. Many of these were very extensive, and till Mr Cox received the agency the relations between landlord and tenant were not always satisfactory. Mr Cox united firmness with kindness, and his dealings with the tenantry on the various estates were carried out with such a spirit of consideration that the utmost harmony prevailed between landlord, tenant, and agent. We can not call to mind, even during the most trying times of the land agitation, a single instance in which his conduct was called in question or a single adverse comment on his treatment of the tenantry. This statement alone speaks volumes for Mr Cox's ability, kindness of disposition, and the skill with which he watched over the interests of those estates which were committed to his care. In private life Mr Cox made many friends, attracted by his geniality, good nature, and unselfishness. He preserved the old traditions of Irish hospitality, and was never so happy as when surrounded by friends at his hospitable board. He was always thoughtful and considerate for others, and every one knew that if it was in the power of Mr Cox to do them a good turn they might rely upon his aid. His death at a comparatively early age, as cutting short a useful and honourable life, is deeply deplored, and sympathy is universally expressed with his widow and family who have suffered recently another bereavement in the death of Mr Cox's brother a few months ago. The funeral will leave his residence on Tuesday morning at 11.30 o'clock for interment at St. Mary's Cathedral.

AGRICULTURAL INSTRUCTORS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE. SIR—In the Irish Times of the 6th instant there

THE TRE ROYAL

FASHIONABLE DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES IN AID OF BARRINGTON'S HOME

On the evenings of Thursday and Friday last dramatic performances were given in aid of the above. The performances were selected by the talented ladies and gentlemen of the most interesting and attractive, and were given in a highly creditable manner. The object for which the performances were given would undoubtedly have the effect of the warmest support of the citizens, and the large houses, but apart from that, the ability displayed by the company was sufficient attraction. On Thursday J. W. Pigott's modern comedy in 3 acts, entitled "The Bookmaker" was produced with a large, appreciative, and fashionable audience with distinct success. The stage was under the experienced supervision of Richard Bourke, who also played the principal roles with great success. There is significance enough in the play to describe its character, and description of the plot is unnecessary. The principal character, Sir Joseph Trevor (maker), who has suddenly been elevated to a title and enormous fortune, is exceedingly well sustained by Mr who is undoubtedly one of the best actors we have ever seen, and it is seeing Mr Trevor in such contrast as Sir George Corylon and Benjamin once as thoroughly realised and appreciated his wonderful versatility and sound dramatic possessions, and the consequent services to any performance in which he participated. His representation of the bookmaker was thoroughly "racy" and his energetic description of "even" won well-deserved applause. In his pathetic passages he was most assuredly an assumption of the characteristics of fraternalism was well sustained throughout. "The Earl of Harborough," by R.A., was an easy, natural, and highly able performance. Mr Bullen (Watch) took the part of "Generalment," which he played with much in a most capable manner, an "Captain the Hon. Jack Carey" successfully portrayed by Captain Major Davidson (Black Watch) and humorous interpretation of "Bubbles" and Captain Dallas, solemn emphasis and steady force fine picture of the family lawyer. "of Bourleigh" by Mr Edmund Bourke a portrayal of the ungracious could wish to see. The lights and part were brought out in a masterly polished heartlessness of cynic was extremely well assumed, must be congratulated on his successful and conscientious representation of a difficult role. Of course the bright stars of the evening were the lady Henry in the character of which renewed her acquaintance with the met with a most hearty welcome. Her entrance she was loudly applauded recipient of two lovely bouquets from the boxes. Miss Henry is in everything she does, professional-like rendering of the unstinted praise and repetition. Miss Deane Tanner made an unusual success in the role of "Sibyl." Exciting was the love scene with the "C beauty" grace, and musical voice charm to the representation. Conyers had a somewhat theatrical tray, as "Polly." The talented with real artistic instinct, and in