

warded the honour of precedence. So Clanricarde stood alone. The fullest would be given him for showing why, the evicted tenants, he had declined the example set him by the landlords of unity. "If he refuses to attend—" said Mr. Carson, Q.C., M.P., "and I don't know observations should be made." With this intimation, the President proceeded on and announced the mode of procedure to be adopted. "We propose," said Mr. Mathew, "to examine any witnesses on each side. We will permit each side to put through the members of the Commission any question that may appear to them. We reserve to ourselves the right, in any case, to allow either party to be represented by counsel for the purpose of cross-examination. We don't anticipate that the Commission will take a course which will render the assistance of counsel necessary." Then as to the mode of proceeding, it may be said the President was not without unusual foresight. It was urged, however, on the part of the landlords to conduct the trial privately, and a resolution, which he carried to the Landlords' Convention, had been passed. Mr. Carson interjected the opinion that the exact opposite was the truth; in fact the Commission desired nothing but the fullest investigation. The President would be glad there was no apprehension; he had received a hint to that effect from the Landlords' Convention. "There was no such thing," asserted Mr. Carson. "Would it be well to read it?" hinted Mr. Kenny, Q.C. "No, sir," retorted the President, "I am not read at you. We always consider that if a course has been made that it is a great advantage to sit quiet." Then, as to the mode of proceeding, it had been concluded that it was advisable the Commission should know what was being done from day to day. The Press must make no comment on the witnesses called, or on the course the Commission thought it right to pursue, till the evidence is completed. If this rule be infringed, the witnesses will be excluded. As the Press have not been invited, and pretty freely too, on the course the Commission have taken, it is probable the witnesses will be excluded for the remainder of the trial.

This kind of proceeding is not what is to be expected in the nineteenth century. With regard to the Clanricarde case, Mr. Carson asked that the Commission should furnish some particulars of the evidence they were going to make. No particulars were given. Mr. Carson had no means of knowing that any evidence would be given that he the President said it was not his fault. The Commission asked to know the names of the cases that could be brought against Lord Clanricarde, and Mr. Carson said, "How could he examine?" We cannot say," was the reply. The same request was made with regard to the Smith-Barry estate, which had been included in the schedule, though, Mr. Kenny, Q.C., stated, there were no tenants of that estate who had made claims for reinstatement. The first witness examined in reference to the Clanricarde case was Mr. John Roche, M.P. for the County of Galway, who had never been a

stall, at the late Protestant Orphan Bazaar, and regret that his name was accidentally omitted in their list.

We are pleased to learn that Mr Cecil Alfred Slade, second son of Mr Marcus Slade, C.E., of this city, has obtained a First Engineering Scholarship in the Queen's College, Galway. He was educated by Dr Harris Flynn, formerly Master of Ennis College, and now of the Abbey School, Tipperary. We congratulate the young gentleman on his success.

**THE STREETS**—The condition of the streets is most unsatisfactory. The mud is ankle deep in many thoroughfares, and on the footpaths there is a greasy, slimy coating which renders it difficult to walk. The Corporation officers might reasonably be expected to keep the thoroughfares in a much more presentable condition.

**FUNERAL OF THE LATE CAPTAIN PEACOCKE.**—The funeral of Captain William Peacocke, 46th Regiment, who died at 5, Lower Mallow street on Sunday, at the ripe age of 83 years, took place to-day at St. Mary's Cathedral. The chief mourners were—Colonel Maunsell, J.P., nephew, and Mr Pryce Peacocke, grandnephew of the deceased. Amongst those present were—Archdeacon Hamilton, Canon Gregg, Mr Robert Hunt, J.P.; Captain Vanderkiste, J.P.; Mr T. Gabbett, Dr. Gelston, Mr J. Wallace, Mr C. H. Fitt, Mr John Morton, Mr W. L. Hunt, Mr M. A. Hanrahan, Mr John Guinane, J.P.; Mr Donnellan, Mr A. Allen, &c.

**DEATH OF MR. JOHN P. KEARNEY, T.C.**  
We regret to announce the death, which took place yesterday at St John's Hospital, of Mr John P. Kearney, a very popular citizen. He represented the Abbey Ward as Town Councillor since 1889, and was a very useful member of the Corporation body. He had been in failing health for some time past, and his demise at a comparatively early age is much deplored by a very large circle of friends. The funeral will take place on Wednesday from St John's Cathedral at ten o'clock.

**THE LIMERICK LEADER AND THE FREEMASONS.**

In last night's issue of the *Limerick Leader*, the following prominently appears:—  
"At a meeting of Directors of the *Limerick Leader* Printing and Publishing Company, held on Saturday last, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—That while we should condemn any attempt to displace the courteous Limerick Traffic Manager of the Waterford and Limerick Railway for the benefit of an Englishman, Scotchman, or Welshman, we regret that an unsupportable accusation should appear to be brought against the Masonic body in Limerick by passages inadvertently printed in the *Limerick Leader* of Friday, the 4th inst."

**THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.**

The municipal elections this month will be of considerable interest, as there are four contests to take place. Mr William M. Nolan (P), T.C. retires from the Castle Ward and goes in for the representation of the Market Ward, in opposition to Mr P. O'Meally (F). In place of Mr Nolan in the Castle Ward, Mr Richard Smith has consented to stand as candidate, and the other candidate is Mr William Bassett. Mr Terence A. O'Brien (P) is the outgoing Councillor in the Abbey Ward, and it is stated that he will be opposed by Mr Michael McDonnell (F). In the Glentworth Ward a contest will take place between Mr M. A. Hennessy, C.E. (F.), outgoing, and Mr J. P. M'Namara (P), who at one time was a member of the Town Council

rendering of the beautiful duet for *Pinafore* "Refrain audacious Tar," Brazier in "True till Death," and "I was very effective. Mr Dillon, who is a remarkably fine baritone, gave a very interpretation of "The Tar's Farewell," and subsequently delighted the audience by his rendering of "Off to Philadelphia." These items Mr Dillon was deservedly and encored. Mrs Merrick's sympathy was heard with delight in Sullivan's "Heart," and she, too, had to pay tribute of merit by responding to an imperat. In the second part, she again delighted the audience by her exquisite rendering with me," and in response to an irre demand, sang "The Last Rose of St truly artistic style. The trio from *H.M.* "British tar is a soaring soul," was sung by Messrs Portley, Waters, and vociferously applauded. The second part with a duet, Berceuse in C (Oberthur and piano, which was charmingly played by O'Mahony and Miss Gretta Brinn. Miss Brinn's performance on the piano was really excellent, and later in the evening delighted her hearers by her excellent rendering of Schuloff's grand valse *Brillante*, which she was encored. Miss O'Don very finished version of the "Quaker's and in response to an *encore*, sang "The a piquant and captivating style. Mr. his *debut* on this occasion, and created a favourable impression on the audience at which he sang. His deep, rich, powerful voice was heard to great advantage in the magnificent song, "The Bugler," which he rendered with all the charm and finish of a professional, and repeated the last verse of the song in response to an irresistible *encore*. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of the sparkling trio, "Never mind the way fore," from *H.M.S. Pinafore*, which was sung by Mrs Merrick, and Messrs Brazier, and everybody departed delighted with the evening's performance.—*Con*

**THE WRECK OF THE "ROUMANIA."**

**THE LATE CAPTAIN RANDOLPH AND HIS REGIMENT.**

The following appears in the *Worcester Gazette* with reference to Captain B. H. Randolph, who, with his wife, was lost in the ill-fated steamer *Roumania*. As our readers are aware, Captain Randolph was only married to Miss Mary Frances Phelps, the daughter of Mrs Phelps of Waterpark:—  
**WORCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT (29th Foot)**  
A correspondent writes:—"I am not of the age to have known him, but I hope you will allow me to express what I know will be the feelings of the Regiment, when the news reaches them of the loss they have sustained; by the death of an excellent Adjutant under circumstances so distressing. I knew Captain Randolph when I parted with him some days ago, and I should so soon be reading of his wife's loss at sea, in one of the saddest of recent times. A finer fellow, a better truer gentleman, and a more agreeable and generous graced even the mess table of the Regiment, and it may be a comfort to sorrowing young husbands and wives to learn that the esteem was in which he for whom was held by all who knew him. I do you will permit me to express an opinion that I know well every officer, man, woman, or child of the 1st Worcestershire would regret the loss of such a man. Captain B. H. Randolph joined the 1st Worcestershire Regiment as Lieutenant, March 1861, became Captain, October 9, 1869; and was promoted to Major, December 28, 1890; served in the Expedition, 1884.