

ELECTION NEWS.

THE DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT.

It is probable that early on the 28th Majesty will hold a Council for the dissolution of which would appear in the London Gazette the same evening. The proclamation would also go out that evening and reach the hands of the returning officers in the boroughs Wednesday morning. The first for nomination in the boroughs will be Saturday, the 2nd July, as two clear days must elapse after receipt of the writ; the last day for nomination will be Monday, the 4th. The first possible day for polling will be also Monday, the 4th, and the possible day for polling will be Friday, the 11th. The county elections will extend over a long period. In these the first possible day of nomination is Monday, the 4th of July, and the last Saturday, the 9th. Polling in the counties will commence as early as Thursday, the 7th, and will go on in one constituency or another until Monday, the 18th of July. In very remote districts the voting may be even later. The Parliament cannot meet in less than thirty days from the day of dissolution, so that the earliest day for the reassembling will be the 6th of August.

THE UNIONIST CONVENTION IN DUBLIN.

The Unionist Convention to be held in Leinster Hall this evening will be of enormous proportions, and will be of great political significance. The list of the delegates from Dublin and suburbs, and from various counties in Ireland occupies over three and a half columns of space in the Irish Times to-day. The following from

LIMERICK COUNTY AND CITY.

Rev Canon O'Brien, Messrs W. H. Hewson, Barkman, R. Barkman, Rev. J. H. Moran, Alfred, M. Legear, Wm. Doherty, S. Doupe, Fosbery, W. Shire, J. Shire, J. Odell, — Per Peter Griffin, R. Latchford, J. Lowe, M. Heek Rattle, J. Sheppard, J. Roche-Kelly, R. Gabbett, Patrick Hartigan, T. Keays, E. Madgwick, Wm. Goggin, P. McCormack, Hugh H. P. Massey, C. Eyre Townsend, Henry Childs, John Mee, C. Vandeleur, John Russell, John Bowen, Gen. Walshe, General Lloyd, Joseph Matterson, J. F. G. M. Kennedy, J. P.; T. H. Cleeve, J. P.; T. Rice, Moses Caffrey, Ed. Hewson, Ed. Walshe, Ledger, J. Doyle, Alex. Jordan, J. H. Thompson, James Fite, Wm. Hosford, M. Enright, Messrs Hewson, J. O'Grady Delmege, J. P.; James F. Thomas Decker, Peter Fitzgerald.

CLARE.

Messrs R. A. McDonnell, Thomas Crowe, W. Burton, Rev C. M'Dowell, H. V. Macnamara, H. W. Fitzgerald, E. P. Westby, F. Hickman, C. Reeves, Captain R. Ellis, W. F. Crowe, Vandeleur, E. Kelly, James Bennett, E. C. Lieut. W. Henn, J. W. Scott, H. de L. W. Bagot Blood, Rev J. B. Greer, Capt. J. O. Westropp, Right Hon Lord Inchiquin, Mar. Keane, Colonel M'Adam, Major Wilson Lytton, Rev J. Griffith, Hugh M. Westropp, R. R. Studd, B. G. Parker, E. Newport Singleton, Hon. E. O'Brien, Colonel Graham, M. Roche Kelly, J. Browne, P. Driscoll, Colonel H. Vincent.

UNIONIST DEMONSTRATION IN ST. JAMES'S HALL.

A great Unionist demonstration, intended to place before the English electors the true feeling of Ulster respecting Home Rule, was held

DEATH OF MR FRANCIS COGHAN.

We announce with sincere regret the death of an old and highly esteemed member of the Provincial Press, Mr Francis Coghlan, who passed away at his residence, Ennis, yesterday, at an advanced age. Mr Coghlan, who was one of the very few remaining members of the "old school," was well known and highly esteemed in Limerick, having been twenty years editor of the Limerick Chronicle and altogether thirty years connected with this journal. It is many years, however, since Mr Coghlan was attached to the editorial department of the paper, but for a lengthy period he has been our Ennis correspondent. Though it is a very long space of time since Mr Coghlan left Limerick, he was not forgotten hereby his numerous friends, who will be deeply sorry to hear of his demise. He was a Pressman of considerable ability, displayed a wide and varied knowledge of newspaper affairs, and a keen and discreet judgment, which he ever brought to bear in the discharge of his duties. He possessed a most genial and exceedingly courteous manner, which was never found wanting, and won for him the esteem of his colleagues and the good will of the public generally. Lately Mr Coghlan was in failing health, and his end was not unexpected. The interment will take place in Limerick tomorrow, the remains arriving at the Terminus at 2.30 p.m. from Ennis.

THE COMPTON COMEDY COMPANY.

OLIVER GOLDSMITH.

The Compton Comedy Company continue their engagement at the Theatre Royal before very fair houses, considering that the theatrical season has now far advanced. It speaks well for Mr Compton's great popularity with Limerick people that he has received such a large measure of support under the circumstances; but we trust that on Friday next, which will be his benefit night, there will be a crowded house to witness the performance for the first time on any stage of the new one-act play entitled *Oliver Goldsmith*, which, as has already been announced in the Daily Telegraph and other London papers, has just been written for his company in view of the Trinity College Tercentenary performances by Mr Frank Frankfort Moore. The piece deals with the most interesting episode in the chequered career of "poor Goldy," the reading of the MS. of "The Vicar of Wakefield" by Dr Johnson, and its subsequent purchase, which temporarily relieved the author from his embarrassments. It is scarcely necessary to say, however, that Mr Frankfort Moore has not neglected the "love interest" in the composition of his play. He introduces the celebrated Miss Horneck, one of the two beautiful sisters with whom Goldsmith travelled on the Continent when he had become famous. There can be little doubt that he was in love with the elder of the two Hornecks from the date of his first meeting her at the house of Reynolds, who is also a character in the play. The fact that Mr Frankfort Moore is a native of Limerick should add to the interest of the production of *Oliver Goldsmith*. Although leaving the city of his birth at an early age, Mr Frankfort Moore has always been attached to it, and has more than once re-visited the scenes of his childhood. He is the author of close upon thirty volumes, including one of poems, and of several plays. A most interesting biographical sketch of Mr Frankfort Moore has lately appeared in the London Echo, which shows us that Mr Moore is a most successful writer and novelist. We give a few extracts from the article in question. "Every now and again we Londoners proclaim the discovery of some brand-new star. It was so the other day, Mr Frankfort Moore came out in the Queen's Room

together ignored in a proposed measure of Home Rule. The poor and pitiful display at Clapham-st Saturday must have shown him that the lullation of a few insignificant toadies is a poor change for the forfeited confidence of thousands of honest Liberals and Nonconformists. Does Mr Gladstone want to water down his Home Rule, and make it so weak that it will be, when proposed, if ever, only the Unionist Local Government, and nothing more, and does he want to bring Messrs M'Carthy and Dillon to accept it for electioneering purposes. It is probable, in fact, that he may endeavour to retain some of the Nonconformists by the promise of a harmless Home Rule Bill, which may be put forward in the name of Messrs M'Carthy and Dillon, whilst the Irish Nationalists may be kept quiet at the same time by the tacit acquiescence of Mr Gladstone with the assurance that more will be squeezed out of that very pliable politician than he get quite into power. The anti-Parliamentaries having become a mere wing of the Gladstonian party, may prefer the proverbial half-loaf, and as they have shown themselves to be the very obedient servants of Mr Gladstone on a memorable occasion in the past, they will be ready to repeat the programme at the great man's command.

The complication which has for a long time existed regarding the administration of the Poor Law Act in Limerick Union has at last been satisfactorily got over by Mr Whiteside, an accountant who was engaged by the guardians to go through the accounts from 1884 to 1892. A most difficult and laborious task it was, but a most necessary one, and in unravelling matters, and placing them in a clear light before the guardians, Mr Whiteside had the valuable and painstaking aid of Mr Guinane, the Clerk of the Union, and Mr Ryan, the Solicitor to the Board. His detailed abstract places before the guardians the liabilities of the Union for the purposes of the act, and we rather think it will be a doleful intelligence for the ratepayers in general. We doubt if they anticipated that the enormous sum of £39,000 or £40,000 would be required to carry out the schemes which have been so far put in operation, and which, according to the Vice-Chairman, will necessitate a taxation ranging from 3d to 10d or 11d in the £. Surely then they ought to seriously consider whether they have not enough taxation to bear already without favouring another scheme which is said to be in contemplation. It was suggested yesterday that the Rural Sanitary Board should not proceed with this new scheme bearing in view the heavy responsibilities already incurred. We think the suggestion a very prudent one, and the Board should certainly think twice before rushing into additional expenditure. Another point in favour of this view is the fact that the rents of the cottages are considerably in arrears. The auditor, in his report read at a recent meeting, complained of this state of things, and marked that "As the rents of these cottages are so very low, having regard to their cost and the expense of maintenance, the guardians should insist upon a full and regular payment of rent by