

THEATRE ROYAL.

MR. JOSEPH O'MARA'S CONCERT.

Limerick people are characteristic for their musical taste and their high appreciation of vocal talent. Whenever a first-class concert is held here, it is as a rule very liberally supported, and in an especial degree this was expected to be the case as regards Mr O'Mara's Grand Full Dress Concert held last evening in the Theatre Royal. The success of the young Irish tenor, as Mr O'Mara is described, has been watched with great interest, and indeed with feelings of pride, by his fellow-citizens. The fact that so young a professional, as he is, was selected to take the leading part in *Ivanhoe* in conjunction with Mr Ben Davis, was in itself a distinction which many artistes of long standing and very high merit in their profession have failed to attain. Then Mr O'Mara's representation of the *role* elicited the highest encomiums from the London and Provincial Press, and a brilliant future was predicted for him. It is now a considerable time since Mr O'Mara last appeared as an amateur on our local boards, and naturally his *debut* in Limerick as a professional was looked forward to with intense interest. In fact, for the past few days the concert was the chief topic of conversation, and we were not surprised to find that there was not standing room to be had in any part of the theatre last night after eight o'clock. People were there at the opening of the doors at 7.15; and at a quarter to eight crowds had to turn home again being unable to gain admission. What we never saw before, there were fully one hundred people who shared honors with the artistes, so far as a conspicuous position was concerned, for they occupied seats on the stage. Mr O'Mara was assisted by Mrs Eugene Oudin, soprano; Miss Helen Pottican, contralto; Mr Eugene Oudin, baritone; and Mr Philip M Cathie, solo violin, each of whom was deservedly applauded and *encored*. The bill of fare was an excellent one, comprising selections from some of the most eminent composers, and the concerted pieces, of which we should have wished a few more, were remarkable for perfect harmony and delicacy of rendering. We may here refer *en passant* to the brilliant violin solos of Mr Cathie, which fascinated the house. Mr O'Mara's first appearance which did not take place till the fifth item had been reached, was the signal for a demonstration we have never seen excelled. He was received with rounds of applause which were continued for some minutes, during which Mr O'Mara bowed his acknowledgments again and again. The performance opened with a duet for piano and violin, which, in the hands of Mr J F Murray, the accompanist, and Mr Philip M Cathie, left nothing to be desired for tone and finish. Mr Eugene Oudin brought down the house in "Woe thou thy Snowflake" from *Ivanhoe*.

DEATH OF MR JOHN VANDERKISTE, J.P.

We regret to record the death of Mr John Vanderkiste, J.P., which took place at his residence, Pery Square, on Saturday evening, after a short illness. Mr Vanderkiste had, as agent, been connected with several large estates in Limerick, Cork and Clare, and by the large bodies of tenantry with whom he came in contact, he was greatly respected. He was agent to Lord Limerick, and his Lordship's predecessor for many years, and on resigning that office some five years ago, was succeeded by Mr J. B. Barrington, J.P. Mr Vanderkiste was a gentleman of a retiring disposition, and took no part in public affairs except as a magistrate, he having held the commission of the peace for Limerick and Clare. In private life he was held in the highest regard by a large circle of friends, who deeply lament his death. The funeral takes place at ten o'clock to-morrow (Wednesday), for St. Mary's Cathedral.

COWARDLY ASSAULT ON ALDERMAN GAFFNEY, J.P.

A most unwarranted and cowardly assault was committed yesterday morning, on Alderman Thomas Gaffney, J.P., the circumstances of which appear to be as follows.—When passing through Queen-street, he observed a man named James Hartney committing an assault on Mr Ray, railway policeman. With the object of protecting Mr Ray from injury, Alderman Gaffney interfered, and ordered Hartney to desist. Unheeding Mr Gaffney's remonstrance, Hartney continued to assault Mr Ray, and caught him by the throat. Alderman Gaffney thereupon caught hold of Hartney and released his hold. A rowdy named Patrick Fahy, who was in company with Hartney, thereupon attacked him and struck him a violent blow on the side of the head, which stunned and felled him to the ground. While on the ground he was kicked, but fortunately received no serious injury, beyond the effects of the first blow, which left a contused wound on the side of the head. Alderman Gaffney, acting with much courage under the circumstances, on regaining his feet, pluckily held his assailants until the arrival of the police. When arrested the men were much under the influence of liquor, and could not be taken before a magistrate. In the evening Acting-Sergeant Meara make a deposition, on which the accused were remanded. The assault was most cowardly, and much sympathy is felt for Alderman Gaffney, whose injuries, we are glad to say, are not of a serious character. Fahy is a notorious individual, and will be remembered in connection with an exciting incident which occurred a few weeks ago, when he jumped into the Shannon from Sarsfield Bridge, and was rescued by Constable Gannon. His name is also very familiar in the police courts, where a long list of offences are recorded against him.

LOST IN THE SNOW.

During the snow storm on Saturday an army pensioner named John Touhy, residing about a mile from Castleknoll in the direction of

JUDGE BOYD

THE ATTACK

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