

1 "extensive and peculiar." So, also, is Mr st's knowledge of the County Clare. We do pretend to be able to form anything beyond most superficial estimate from the very ited time which we have been able to bestow n this splendid work. Even a cursory glance, ver, is sufficient to enable us to express an ion of its merits, in which we are ewhat assisted by a slight summary, ing a brief description of the eral scope and aim of the volume. make use of this summary, we are informed t the first part of the work contains a descri- n of the various districts into which ancient omond was divided, and the Septs by whom it s inhabited. The many objects of antiquity, il and ecclesiastical, existing in the county are scribed and illustrated. Next follows the story of Thomond up to the time of its forma- n into an English county. A complete tract of the Inquisitions taken in the gns of Elizabeth, James I, Charles I, Charles and James II, is given. The contest of the nfederated Catholics in 1641-52 is set forth as affected Clare, as also the Cromwellian confisca- ons of the county. The names of all the old opriators are given, as well as of those who eceeded them under the Act of Settlement. he struggle between James II and William is tailed, and the petitions to the Court of Claims e given in abstract. The ecclesiastical history of the county is treated of in a separate chapter of the work. The Appendices contain an account of the borough of Ennis, list of Bills of Discovery, onverts from Popery, High Sheriffs, Members of arliament, Justices of the Peace, Grand Juries, mily pedigrees, and other matters of interest. his will give a fair idea of the course which the riter has pursued. The topography of the county examined barony by barony, parish by parish, nd so close has the scrutiny been, we might almost say, field by field. This examination occupies the first two hundred pages. Then the story of the ancient Irish Kingdom of Thomond he home the of Dalcassians and the great Sept of he O'Briens, is gradually and fully unfolded rom the earliest settlement of the Firbolgs in Burren and Corcomroe, down to the death of De Clare, and the expulsion of the English in 1318. The authentic history of the period begins about he year 954 A.D. About this date the uncle of Brian Boru, a scion of the royal family of Cashel, erected his royal residence at the Grianan Lachtna, near Killaloe. After a short reign of about three years, he was succeeded by Mahone, in whose person the sovereignty of North and South Munster was united for a period of some sixteen years. Mahone was the natural enemy of the Danes. He defeated them at Solloghed, near the Limerick Junction, in 968, and was equally successful against the Danes of Limerick. Mahone was treacherously murdered, and by his death Brian Boru succeeded to the crown of Munster. The career of Brian is concisely

was High Sheriff of Clare. Some years ago a son and daughter met their deaths under melancholy circumstances in two successive years. His son was drowned in Carrigoran lake through the upsetting of a boat, and in the following year Miss Fitzgerald lost her life by being swept off the rocks at Spanish Point. The funeral takes place to-morrow.

#### MELANCHOLY DROWNING ACCIDENT IN LIMERICK.

Yesterday afternoon a young gentleman named John Ryan, nephew to Mr John Ryan, Solicitor, Limerick, met his death under circumstances of the most melancholy character. Mr Ryan had attended the funeral of the late Mr Nash, J P and on his way home about half-past one o'clock with a pony and trap he turned into the slip near the Distillery to water the animal. The current at this time was very strong, and the heavy floods which prevailed rendered the place, which is regarded as very dangerous, more uncertain. When in the water the animal appears to have become unmanagable, and losing its footing dragged the trap, with Mr Ryan, into the current. The young gentleman, conscious of his position, endeavoured to jump off, but it appears was unable to extricate himself, the reins having got entangled in his legs. The trap got overturned, and for some time Mr Ryan was lost sight of, the horse and trap being swept along towards Curragower Falls. Mr Ryan was observed to come to the surface, being swept along by the current towards the falls, and was holding up his hands, over which appeared to be a rug, and in this position he was carried by the current over the rocks. He was again seen to come to the surface below the falls, but a little further on he disappeared in a whirlpool caused by the back current. The horse got disentangled from the trap at the falls, and being carried down the river was picked up at the slip at Russell's Quay. The trap was splintered. The sad occurrence was witnessed by a number of spectators, and the occurrence was painfully sensational. Two fishermen in endeavouring to render assistance had a very narrow escape from drowning. With commendable bravery, and at great risk, they boarded an angling cot, which was was soon upset by the fierce current, and they were thrown into the water. However, they managed to cling to the boat until aid arrived, and they were landed safely on shore. A search was instituted for the body of Mr Ryan, but up to the present it has not been recovered. The greatest possible sympathy is felt on all sides for Mr John Ryan, solicitor, a gentleman universally known not alone in the city and county, but equally well in the neighbouring counties, and who has always occupied the very highest position in the esteem and confidence of the public also for his brother, the Very Rev Canon Ryan, P.P., V.F., Galbally, and other relatives. The sad end of the poor young gentleman is deeply deplored. He had not only large prospects, but gave much promise for his future career, and had endeared himself to those who knew him by his gentleness and amiability of character. The sympathy of the citizens is manifested in a very noticeable manner by the city establishments being almost universally shuttered.

#### SEIZURES FOR RENT IN WEST CLARE.

(BY TELEGRAPH FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

Kilrush, Thursday Evening.

Early this morning Major Cullinan, Sub-Sheriff of Clare, with a small force of police, effected seizures of cattle for rent on the estates of Captain Vandeleur, and other properties in the adjoining district. They were lodged in the Kilrush pound. There was no disturbance. The news of the raids spread at once, so that other

Plummer, Mr James Frost, J.P.; Mr Bank; Mr Blood-Smyth, solr; Mr J.P.; Mr W.F. O'Grady, J.P.; Mr solr; Mr Wm G Gubbins, J.P.; Mr Woodhouse, Mr E. M'Cartie, junior Sub Sheriff; Mr John Fitzgerald, MacNamara, Kildimo; Mr J.F.H. Sion; Mr Wm Hickey, Drombana Hartigan, Mr J. Frawley, Mr Th. Cahirnarry; Messrs Michael and Th do; Mr Tucker, Thomas street; J Prins, Mr W.T. Cope, Mr F.H. Pollex O'Connell, Collector of Inland Revenue.

The following staff from the late office were present—Messrs J. Barry McCartie, P. Purcell, G. Trousdell, E. O'Halloran, J. McNamara, junr; J. A.

Amongst those who sent carriages Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer, Mr H. Bl Hunt, J.P.; Mr James Shine, J.P.; Egan, Mrs Green, Shannon View, Castleconnell; Mr F. McCarthy, Mr P. Bourke, Mr J. B. Alton, Mess George-street, Mr T. E. O'Brien, D. J. Mr S. Quin, J.P.; Mr D. Tidmarsh, J. J. F. Bannatyne, D.L.; Mr James Qu Harris, Dr Holmes, Mr S. Dowli Thomas O'Gorman, Mr Hobson, Dr a number of vehicles were sent by c whose names are given above.

The remains were enclosed in a mahogany shell, the outer being massive oak casket. It was strewed with floral wreaths, and several others were taken to the cemetery in a carriage. They were accompanied by the following:—Mrs and the Misses Ralph, Vincent, and Harry Nash; Mr Philip Smith, J.P.; Mr C. Cavan; Mrs and Miss Smith, Barry, P. Flynn, D. McCartie, and assistants; Saint Mary and Munchi of the Society of St Vincent de Paul Superiores, Convent of the Faithful, Laurel Hill; Mr Richard Bayly at Green Park, Bruff; Mrs and Miss Blackall, solicitor; Mr and Mrs Cope, Mrs Conlan, Richmond; As Dr Donelan, do; Mrs Doran and P. Flynn, Mrs and Misses Howley, and Mrs J.P. Hall, Misses Martha; Mr and Mrs Kelliher, Mrs Meehan Edward and Miss McCartie, Mess and Son, Mr Michael O'Hallora Trousdell, Colonel White, Ballyga Mrs Helenus White and Miss White; Mrs White, Nantenan; M. P. Blake White, and Martin E. George-street; Miss Wormleighton Miss Wilson, Richmond Asylum, Messrs P. M'Carthy and Son, carried out the funeral arrangements.

#### MR. AUBREY DE VERE.

All readers interested in poetry will hear that Messrs Macmillan are publishing a uniform collected edition of Mr Aubrey de Vere's poems, plays, and essays. Mr De Vere has never been a noisy one, none the less sound for that. His works were published just over half a century ago, and the collected edition comes at a very opportune moment. The son of an Irish peer, a loyal Irishman and a Catholic, he has just those themes of Celtic lore, sacred and secular, which in the present fashion for legend and folklore are so new. There was a collected edition of Vere's poems published, if we may say so, about ten years ago; and his "Essays in Poetry" was published in 1888. It is now for a definitive edition of the works of Aubrey de Vere in the *Gazette*.

The revised Terms for 1893 Iron-Framed Pianos are 25 per cent discount if paid in twelve months. Pianos above 30 guineas in price paid in two years, thus giving every advantage for either cash or quick return.