

**LIMERICK AMATEUR OPERA COMPANY.**

**"PATIENCE."**

At the Limerick Amateur Opera Company at the Theatre Royal the first of three acts of Gilbert and Sullivan's popular comedy. It was a heavy undertaking for one requiring no ordinary amount of very careful and skilful treatment, in order to produce anything like a realistic interest.

The work has been in rehearsal for months past, and the initial performance reflects credit on the performers all. There were, of course, a few faults noticeable—the performance was a little bit slow, and one or two of the parts did not seem to us to be quite up to the mark, but we have no doubt the company threw themselves more into their work to-night, and as they must be by the hearty reception accorded them on their first appearance in Limerick. Not their first appearance before an audience, for it will be remembered that a year and a half ago the same corps produced the over-fresh and popular comedy, "The Pirates of Penzance," in a highly successful manner. As an occasion, the present performances are at Barrington's Hospital, and we trust they will be worthy of so deserving an object, and we hope that the public will duly appreciate the entertainment which in the musical way is capable of being largely developed in our midst.

For the hour of the day, so to speak, it would be necessary to dilate on the merits of the comic Opera, "Patience," they are so well known to our ears of music. Its light and very catchy tunes remain fresh and green in our memories, and the dialogue it is quaint and very interesting, there being in it a great deal of the element which abounds in Mr Gilbert's comedies. It was excellently staged last night and produced in full costume by Messrs Simmons, of London. The entire company appeared on the very striking and artistic picture presented, the blazing uniforms of the dragoons, the soft, varied coloured costumes of the "Pirates," as well as the scenery, were very effective *tout ensemble*. The following are the cast:—

- Calverley, Major Murgatroyd, Lieut the Constable (Officers of Dragoon Guards) (Scott), Mr M. O'Brien, Mr J Butler.
- Lord Bunthorne (a Fleehly Poet)—Mr W. Ald Grosvenor (an Idyllic Poet)—Mr J. Athorne's Solicitor—Mr P. O'Connor.
- Lady Angela, the Lady Saphir, the Lady Jane (Rapturous Maidens)—Miss Miss Hogan, Miss Dolan, Mrs R. T. (a Dairy Maid)—Miss FANNY JR.

**FUNERAL OF MRS CECIL E. VANDELEUR.**

The funeral of this deeply lamented lady, who passed away on the 24th inst, after a very short illness, took place to-day, the remains being interred in the family vault at St. Munchins, Limerick. The very melancholy event has cast a gloom over the district of Kilmunane, where the deceased was most highly respected by all classes, as evidenced by the large and most representative concourse who accompanied the remains to Kilmallock to-day, and many for the entire journey. The funeral left Sunvale for Kilmallock Station, and thence to Limerick by Charleville. At Limerick Station the coffin was borne by some of the tenants of the Vandeleur estate, to the hearse in waiting, and also from the hearse to the grave yard. The chief mourners were—Messrs Cecil E Vandeleur, husband of the deceased; Frank Vandeleur, London, brother-in-law; Col Vandeleur, Ballinacourty; Mr Cecil Roche, Inspector of Fisheries; Sir David Roche, bart; Rev Dr Hackett, Kilmallock; The Dean of Limerick; The Archdeacon, Precentor Meredith, Rev Treasurer Gabbett, Rev Canon O'Brien, Rev Canon Gregg, Rev J F Luther, Rev F J O'Read, Lord Clarina, Lord Massy, Messrs E C Townsend, J P; Rev Fr Sheehan, P P; Hon W C Trench, G W Bennett, R Bayley, J P; Loftus Townshend, P O'Shaughnessy, J P; J H Weldon, J P; Dr MacNamara, Colonel Perse, J W C Bennett, J C Bennett, P J Coll, D Magee, D I; W F McKernan, Cecil McKernan, John Fitzell, P N Roche, T M'Carthy, J H M'Carthy, Michael Miller, J P Touchstone, John Fenton, R Fenton, Dr Connery, John Harris, R Oliver, P Harris, P D Cleary, F A Allen, N F Davin, Wm Power; D Healy, A Hinchy, P Thornhill, Wm Gubbins, W Cleary, Daniel M'Carthy, P J Walsh, John Costelloe, John Bourke, J W Scales, W W Riordan, Mr Edmund Russell, Milford; Mr A Caulfield, Milton; Mr T Gabbett, Weston House; Mr O Wallace, J P; Mr J H Wallace, Dr Levers, Mr C Vansittart, Mr J Morton, Provincial Bank; Mr Jeremiah Shine, Mr F Fitt, sol; Mr Wm L Hunt, Mr F St C Hobson, Col Maunsell, J P; Mr Blackall, sol; Mr J C Cooper, J P; The O'Grady, Kilmallyowen; Mr George Fosbery, Mr M G Shade, C E; Mr J A Place; Mr George Dowling, Castleconnell, Mr Sanders, Sanders Park. The Dean officiated.

Messrs P M'Carthy and Sons had charge of the funeral arrangements.

**THE UNIONIST MEETING AT ALBERT HALL.**

TO EDITOR FREEMAN AND NATIONAL PRESS.  
SIR,—I read your account of above this morning with great interest. The hall seems to have been full of Irish peers, not to mention M.P.'s, Primrose dames, and stout Ulstermen. I had the curiosity to spend a short time calculating how much money some twenty-nine of these noble lords manage to scoop out of Ireland yearly, and below see the result. The figures show acres and valuation, and it is fair to assume the

**LIMERICK CORPORATION.**

A special meeting of the Corporation to-day. The Mayor (Mr B O'D) and there were also present—Alders; S O'Mara, Thos Gaffney, J JP; Town Councillors S Hastin J Anglim, P Herbert, S O'Flanagan M M'Donnell, M Cusack, J M'Namara, D Kenneally, M Dor Messrs Robert MacDonnell, J W E Corbett (City Surveyor) Spillane, JP (Gas Manager), we The minutes of the previous meeting and confirmed.

With reference to the minutes of the Committee, Mr Herbert drew attention to the 1s 6d for guards to the trees on the Military Road. He wished to know what was to be done for those guards, and whether it was to be done by the committee.

The Mayor said he had given the guards erected, as they were a matter came before the committee.

Alderman Counihan said the Corporation would go further to extend the Military Road. He would not encourage anybody to do it, but by such petty-opposition.

Mr Herbert—It is not petty *bona fide* opposition, and you are to be observed.

Alderman O'Mara said the question was whether the matter was left to them, and had been ordered by the Corporation.

The Mayor said as the trees were without any expense, the Corporation do less than protect them.

The matter then dropped.

**SEWERAGE AT CASTLECONNELL.**

Dr T G O'Sullivan attended a meeting of the Corporation to-day at Castleconnell sewerage, which the intake pipe of the waterworks. He wanted to make any sensation about it, but he thought it should be done. He had explained the matter to the Corporation, but even if there was no danger like that, it was a nice thing to have the sewerage near the intake pipe.

Mr Hastings—How far is it from the Corporation to the Shannon?

Dr O'Sullivan—I should say about a mile. There is a main sewerage line which, like the Limerick sewerage, is flushed. He thought for the Corporation inhabitants themselves to be done. It was frightfully urgent.

Alderman Gaffney—What was to be done with the sewerage into the Shannon?

Dr O'Sullivan said what was any excrement going so far from the intake pipe.

Alderman Gaffney—What did Dr O'Sullivan said he did not do within his province. He never