

the names of the members being called out alphabetically, the member so called advancing and placing his voting paper in large urns provided for the purpose. The calling of the names, although the order of the alphabet was preserved throughout, did not begin with A, but with L, the first half of the alphabet being proceeded with when the latter had been exhausted. The counting of the votes occupied over two hours, and resulted in M. Casimir-Perier being elected by a large majority on the first vote. On the declaration being made the Socialist groups indulged in demonstrations of the most furious and grotesque description. The display exhibited the fiercest hatred towards the Moderates and a defiance of all constituted authority. Such an outburst, be it remembered, did not proceed from the mob but from the members of the French Parliament, and it took place on the occasion of the election of a member to fill the chair of a President who had fallen a victim to an Anarchist. Clearly there is a very serious danger menacing established institutions in France, when such scenes under such circumstances took place within the hall of a legislative assembly, and on so solemn an occasion. Turbulence is not unknown in our own House of Commons, but there all comparison ends. When it is remembered what unspeakable atrocities the inhabitants of Paris were able to perpetrate under the Commune, it is evident that under the surface of French life there still are smouldering fires which may burst forth and any day overwhelm civilisation for a time. Already the Socialists have drawn up a manifesto protesting against the election of M. Casimir-Perier, as being the result of a coalition between the Clericals and the Moderates. The newly-elected President on being informed of the honour that had been conferred upon him addressed the assembled Ministers in a short speech, in which he said he would give to his country all that he had of vigour and patriotism. "I shall give to the Republic," he said, "all the ardour of convictions which have never wavered. I shall give to the democracy all my devotion and all my heart, as did he who is now no more and whose loss we now reverently deplore. I shall endeavour to do my duty—all my duty." That evening the new President returned to Paris in an open landau, escorted by cavalry. From the city a large number of carriages proceeded to meet the party, and an imposing procession passed through the Bois de Boulogne and the Champs Elysee to the Ministerial residence of the President, and thus concluded an important day for France. The election is popular with all the moderate sections of the French public, and in the interests of France it is to be hoped these will form the vast majority. It is expected he will be a firm and wise ruler, and what with the condition of French parties, and the

fenora; The Rev Mr Nesbitt, Doonas; and The Rev Mr O'Malley, Clonlara. The following were the results, viz:—

Infants' Division—Nellie Woodliffe, Tilly Pitt, Lilly Woodliffe, Willie Pitt, Theo Studdert, Mary Blood-Smyth—all first place.

1st Division—Harriet Doherty and Harry Carmen, both second.

2nd Division—Gertrude E Prossor, first.

3rd Division—Violet Studdert, first.

4th Division—Maud H Prossor and Thomas Studdert, first.

#### FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. JOHN BUTLER.

The funeral of the late Mr John Butler, victualler, Bedford-row, whose peculiarly sad demise, at the early age of 32 years, we recorded in our last issue, took place to-day. The cortege was very large and representative, the utmost sympathy being everywhere expressed with Mr Butler's widow in her great affliction. There were many members of the Limerick Amateur Opera Company present to pay a last mark of respect to one who took the greatest interest in it since its formation, and who was held in the highest esteem by a very large circle of friends in the city. The chief mourners were—Messrs John and Pierce Butler (uncles); Charles Ryan, Martin Honan, and Michael Considine, Ennis, (brothers-in-law). Amongst the general public were—The Rev Dr Hallinan, Adm, St Michael's; Rev Fr O'Grady, C.C, do; Rev Fr O'Donnell, C.C, do; Rev Fr Hanway, O.S.F.; Rev Fr Hanrahan, O.S.A.; Rev Fr Dunlon, O.S.A.; The Mayor, Messrs James O'Mara, J.P.; John Guinane, J.P.; M Spain, T.C.; P O'Malley, John Clune, J.P.; David Begley, J O'Halloran F Van esbeck, J Foran, J P M Namara, Patrick Hebert, T.C.; Alderman Jordan, J Anglin, T.C.; J P Hogan, Michael Clancy, Martin M'Guire, J Wallace, Robert McDonnell, J.P., Town Clerk; Joseph Gaffney, T.C.; Stephen Hastings, John Coffey, E Tobin, Michael O'Halloran, George street; Edmund Barry, Stephen Hall, J Buckley, William O'Connell, Thomas Buckley, Peter Cronin, John Portley, Walter Brazier, Michael O'Brien Bernard Skinner, Joseph Peel, Daniel Donovan, Joseph Bourke, E G Long, Michael Ryan, Cornelius Devane, R Devane, Edmund O'Connell, Patrick Collins, R Turner, Daniel Tucker, M McDonnell, T.C.; Oliver Ray, William Bateman, Patrick Kelly, Michael Halpin, John Halpin, Wm O'Connell, Christopher Troy, Patrick Sheahan, Patrick Mitchell, Joseph Rocha, Joseph O'Connor, James Forrest, David Gilligan, Stephen Sullivan, John O'Neill, James Wallace, John O'Donnell, Owen Organ, M Monahan, E M E McCartie, Catherine-street; William Higgins, Bartholomew Hurley, Thomas McCarthy, Wm McNamara, Thomas McSweeney, J Delaney, Geo ge-street.

#### AN EXTRAORDINARY ACCIDENT.

One of Messrs Bannatyne's horses engaged draughting corn from the docks had a remarkable escapade to-day. The animal became exceedingly restive, and backing from the driver toppled over the quay into the water, carrying the car and eight bags of corn along with him. A number of boatmen were promptly to the rescue, and managing to keep the animal's head over water they succeeded in undoing the harness and got him to swim to the other side at Barington's Bank. The animal seemed to have relished his immersion, which must have been most refreshing to him considering the heat of the day. The grain bags, of course, went to the bottom, but were lifted after a time, and also the car. At the point where the occurrence arose the water is very deep, and it is a marvel how the animal escaped uninjured.

#### THE MANCHESTER AND WATERFORD DIRECT SERVICE.

The inauguration of the direct service between Manchester and Waterford yesterday by the arrival in the Pomona Dock of the steamer Quiraing is the more interesting and important as it marks the introduction of the thin end of the wedge into the combinations which have hitherto prevented the development of a direct

was, in short, an ideal day for the la there was a wonderful profusion of dresses which were undoubtedly triumph modeste's skill. Additional interest was in yesterday's proceedings by the Ladi ing Competition which was a perform cannot be too highly praised, and, in frequent outbursts of applause from tl tors were in themselves the fullest e the appreciation with which the skilf the fair competitors were regarded. sent one round over the hurdles, and were so evenly balanced that the jud not make an award, and then they wer the banks and stone wall. Three rou course had to be traversed before the co was decided, first place being awarde well known horse-woman, Mrs Newpe and an equally popular rider, Mrs P second, and Mrs Eaton third. As c competitions, the jumping was on th an excellent character, and was wat great interest until it became rath by prolongation. It would be well i these contests could be somewhat curt Military competitions were as us attractive. The final heat of the Vict race by a party of the 10th Hussars re win for Corporal Walker, Private Whil second. In the lemon cutting Priv worth was first, Sergeant Pittaway s Private Farrell third. The musical repeated. Under the direction of Major Seymour the various d gone through with great precision, of those who witnessed them regr it was the last occasion on which they the pleasure of greeting the gallar Limerick, for it is safe to say tha popular cavalry regiment has ever bee in this garrison. We must not forg important feature, the music, a very programme of which was discoursed t of the Manchester Regiment, under t Mr Quin.

The day's proceedings commenced judging (which appears in our fo The well-known racer, Mazurka, w the Society's Challenge Cup in the cl mares in foal or with foal at foot. Th half-bred brood mares exhibited, and award in the class and the medal gi Hunters' Improvement Society went Downes-Martin, Templemore, County for the grey mare Grey Poulet, su dandy The Earl. The Society's Ch value £25 for heavy hunters was won man, a bay gelding, the property of C Carden, Templemore, county Tip who was the previous day placed first The Society's Cup for light weight h to Flower Knot, a 5 year old by Passi dam by Selim, and bred at Waterfor R T Carew. Three year old gelding make hunters, were a good lot, but not all that could be desired. The p among half-bred yearlings were er Cobs made a fairly good show, fir being taken by Mr B C Meeking, Hussars. In the class for ponies un Mr Daniel D Keane, Cork, won first his well-known four year old roan g class for stallions now stands alter Zanzibar being over the age laid c class, and the first prize goes to Ro who was previously given second department.

The arrangements of the Shc doubtedly far better carried out th hitherto been. The judging was with considerable expedition, and sent in without delay to the Press. this point, we think it right to members of the Fourth Estate are Mr G W Harris, Mr S Winter, a Gibson, three of the stewards, who c most energetically and well. Ca the secretary, deserves the highest amount of work that rested on his hardly be realised by outsiders, but h