

the Bill, one naturally asks, the experiment tried first in ority of whose members have ring for that and something orge Trevelyan, who is, at a professed believer in Home instead of clearing the way Committee for the manage- urely Irish, introduces such otland, a country which re- with indifference. Scotland ntent with her share in the mperial affairs with a Scotch- Minister and an unusually f Scotchmen in the Cabinet. regarded as the predominant land has managed to secure d many of the prizes, includ- all. It was unknown till ng in what manner the d deal with the project, ld proceed by amendment or negative. The latter was ted by Mr Balfour. He at regard the project as a pure There could not be exclusive n the effects of which would ed to Scotland only. Legis- t of the United Kingdom re- ther part of the Kingdom. mmittee for Scotch business ne for England also, and if to shut themselves out from ion, they would lose very n they could gain. The d not stop short with their It was only a "concocted rpose of giving the Govern- r the Committee stage of h they did not possess in the ns. Were they prepared to iple to other parts of the as well? Did the Govern- d Mr Balfour, to extend the and? Did they intend to nd? If they did, the result the future legislation for e very different from what it. The Government were, in this difficulty. They otland a Grand Committee ment of purely Scottish y prepared to give England ot they would offend and nal sentiment of England. look upon herself as an lity, and perhaps act accord- did, all legislation would

Matthew Arnold, organist of Enniskillen Church. He had been engaged in a long practice with the choir, and some time after coming down from the organ was seized with a pain in his side, and became so dangerously ill that despite the medical aid, which quickly arrived, he never rallied, and died in a few minutes. The deceased gentleman was father of Mr C H Arnold, organist of Killaloe Cathedral.

DRUNK IN POSSESSION OF LOADED ARMS.—At the last Borrisokane Petty Sessions, before Major Waring, R M (in the chair), and Mr Russell, Acting-Sergeant Murray charged Thomas R Dagg with being drunk and incapable. When the accused was taken to the barrack a fully loaded six-chamber revolver was found in his possession. He denied the charge of drunkenness, and having made some allegations against the acting-sergeant which were not sustained, he was fined £2, and for carrying the loaded revolver without a gun license, he was fined £2 10s, at the prosecution of the Excise Authorities.—*Cor.*

DEATH OF MR EDWARD SHEEHAN.—We record, with much regret, the wholly unexpected death of Mr Edward Sheehan, which took place at his residence, Lower Mallow street, on Sunday, after a few days' illness. For many years Mr Sheehan was manager of Messrs P M'Carthy and Son Furniture Warehouse, George street. An excellent business man, courteous, and painstaking, he won the esteem of his employers, and of the public with whom he was daily brought into contact. His demise at the early age of 39 years is deeply deplored by very many private friends, and the deepest sympathy is felt with his widow and family. The funeral, which took place this morning for Mount St Lawrence Cemetery, was very largely attended.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Presbytery of Munster held a visitation meeting in Clonmel Church on Tuesday last. Rev R W Rentoul, B A, Moderator, presided, and constituted the Court. Messrs Thomas Scott and J McCuaig attended as representatives of the session, and Messrs Winchester and Main of the congregation. The finding of the Presbytery expressed much satisfaction with the state of the congregation. Mr Goodwin, a respected elder of the Limerick congregation, tendered his resignation of the eldership in consequence of failing health. The resignation was accepted with regret. The Rev Dr Wilson, Minister at Limerick, the father of the Presbytery, and twice Moderator of the General Assembly, also asked the permission of the Presbytery to apply to the Assembly for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry. The Rev Dr Wilson has had fifty years of arduous and successful labour in the ministry, having for many years held the convenership of the Colonial Mission. His request was granted with many expressions of regret. Rev W Rentoul was appointed to draw up the report on the state of religion. The annual report of the Presbytery was considered and adopted, and the court adjourned.

THE LATE MR BENJAMIN BROWNING.

We published in our last issue a necessarily incomplete list of those attending the funeral of the late Mr Winthrop Benjamin Browning. The following names were omitted:—Mr William Lloyd, Messrs William Christy (senr and junr), Mr J O'Halloran, Mr A O'Keefe, Mr A Slade, Mr Simon Sellors, Rev J Brown, C C, Croom; Mr W Riordan, Mr E C Winter, V S; Mr Robert F Walker, Mr Wm B Fitt, Mr Alf Baker, Mr

t a better effort in the way of dramat than was made with any other of his nove one period the novels were dramatised and everywhere, even in America. Writing friend Wilkie Collins, the novelist, from delphia, in the first week of January Dickens said, "Wherever I go they p books, with my name in big letters. "Twist" was at Baltimore when I le Wednesday. "Pickwick" is here, and "I the Carrier" are here. "Pickwick" was t York, too, when I last passed that way; "Our Mutual Friend"; so was "No Tho fare." But of all dramatisations "Sydney Carton" appears to have pleased Dicken In the preface to "A Tale of Two C Dickens says—"When I was acting wit children and friends in Mr Wilkie Collin's of 'The Frozen Deep,' I first conceived the idea of this story. A strong desire was up then to embody it in my own person, and I out in my fancy the state of mind of wh would necessitate the presentation of an obs spectator with particular care and inte The character he desired to play was, of c that of "Sydney Carton." As the idea b familiar to me it gradually shaped itself i present form. Throughout its execution i complete possession of me. I have so far v what is done and suffered in these pages, a I have certainly done and suffered it all m. He sent the proof sheets of the story to his Regnier, of the Theatre Francaise, and w "I should very much like to know wha think of its being dramatised for a F theatre." Regnier replied that undou the story was exceedingly strong, and make a most admirable play, having c thing to recommend it, but tha he judged, in the existing stat Paris such a play would be prohibited b French authorities because of the highly- s 'Revolution' scene. To Miss Mary Dickens wrote:—"I must say that I lil "Carton," and I have a faint id-a that if I him I could do something with his lif death." An anecdote in connection wit writing of 'A Tale of Two Cities' is wor peating here. Charles Dickens was very an to get plenty of local colouring into his F scenes, and with a view to priming himself much as possible, called upon Carlyle, enjoying the first fruits of the fame immortal 'French Revolution.' Carlyle pro to do what he could for him, and the ne there came to Dickens' door a van loaded books, with a note from the sage of Chel the effect that he had sent a instalment of works on the required ject, and that as soon as Mr Dickens ha them he would send some more. Dicken however, get sufficient local colouring to s the most critical. The story was consid most powerful and attractive one. That Dic had a feeling of satisfaction in his own wo far as the novel was concerned, we can from his own words, for he wrote to C Reade at the time the tale was publishe am very glad you like it so much. It has g moved and excited me in the doing, and, H knows, I have done my best and believed i And the play was as much enjoyed by the p as the novel. The play by Watt's Phillips *Dead Heart*, recently revived by Mr Henry I is upon the same lines."

In the part of "Sydney Carton" Mr Con displays his well-known versatile powers thrilling effect, and the citizens who hav his powerful impersonation of "Davy Ga need not be reminded that our popular com has a fine capacity for emotional acting. caste is a very elaborate one, and the prolo by T Edgar Pemberton, a well-known dra biographer. The principal characters