

he qualification of Irish Poor Law will be found in full in another concluding question, by Mr Sexton, tenant near Dungarvan who pur- suing liable to an annuity of £90. Being unable to pay this £90, he the Land Commissioners, who let graziers from year to year at an and it is at present let for £56 per Morley's reply was that at the pre- here is an offer before the Com- r the purchase of the holding provisions of an annuity of £90, Commissioners expend a sum not in restoring the buildings on the former condition, and that he did desirable to say any more, as pro- pending. It will be seen that ere not neglected in Parliament that they occupied their full share ven with the Parish Councils Bill taken up.

ry to notice that the agitation ong gone on for an improvement ystem of West Clare has had the using the authorities to meet the of the public. The people of that undoubtedly laboured under very ntages, which could not fail to er them in their commercial trans- ough a railway runs from Ennis, the principal centres along the Irish and Kilkee as a terminus, some paltry financial difference any, the Postal Authorities did not es of it, and the consequence was had to be content with the one y mail car to and from Ennis. The that while the English mails i Ennis and localities near it be- in the day, those of them which h and Kilkee were allowed to lie Office till five o'clock the following the mail car starts on its journey. ce was that a Kilrush merchant gland had to wait some four days eply, and it needs no argument such a state of things was most cal interests, and put Kilrush in nd when competing with other er, we observe from the *Kilrush* as done its part in keeping this ter before the public, that the tween the South and West Clare nies have been completed satis- at "the mails will be brought to the different centres by rail." not state there is to be a mid-day it that this is a foregone conclu- service comes into force imme-

ther of the latter half of last week me unusually low readings of the various parts of the country. In

and subsequently in Maynooth. In 1855 he was ordained for the diocese of Killaloe, and was appointed to the curacy of Ruan, and Dysart, and Doora. He was appointed administrator at Newmarket-on-Fergus, and he was also for a time parish priest of Killanena, Upper Finkle. He had been ailing for a considerable time. The remains were removed from Tailstogue, Kilkenny, the residence of Mr P Walsh, J P, for interment in Doora Church.

DEATH OF MR VINCENT BAKER.

Widespread regret is felt amongst all connected with the drapery trade in the city, as well as by very many private friends, at the unexpected demise of Mr Vincent Baker, who for 31 years has been connected with Messrs Cannock and Company, and for the greater part of which time he filled the important position of buyer in the handkerchief and umbrella department. He was also a shareholder in the concern. So late as Wednesday last Mr Baker was at his post, but it is believed he was not in very strong health for some time. His death occurred on Sunday, to the intense sorrow of his relatives and all who knew him. He was most popular with the staff of the house and the public, to whom he was ever courteous and obliging, even if his hands were full of business, as the saying goes. The funeral took place at Mount St. Laurence Cemetery this morning, and there was a full attendance of the staff of Cannock & Co (which was closed for the time), while the other drapery houses were also largely represented. The coffin was strewn with a number of beautiful wreaths, sent amongst others by Messrs Baker, brother and nephews; Mr and Mrs Spain, Mr P R Toppin (Manager Cannock and Co), Mr P J Hartigan, Mr P Maguire, Mr C Coyle, Mr John MacNamara, Mr D Donovan, Mr M Fitzgerald, Mr T Sheehy, the members of the Shannon Rowing Club, the staff of the counting house Cannock and Co, the buyers and employees Cannock and Co, and the Drapers' Club. The chief mourners were—Messrs E Baker, brother, Tom, Edward, and J Baker, nephews, and Rev Father Lawless. Amongst the general public were—The Mayor, the High Sheriff, Mr M Spain, Mr R Ray, Mr D Tidmarsh, Mr Wm Walshe, Mr P R Toppin, Mr S B Quin, J P; Mr T Culligan, Ennis; Mr J Sheehy, Askeaton; Mr G Dowling, Castleconnell; Mr P E Bourke, J P; Mr John Clune, J P; Mr Johnston, V S; Mr S Dowling, J P; Mr D Begley, Mr Delaney, Mr M McGuire, Mr John F Power, Mr James Flynn, Mr John MacNamara, P L G; Mr Hanrahan, Alderman Riordan, Mr Joseph O'Mara, Dr F O'Mara, Mr J Anglim, T C; Mr Wm Hosford, Mr Barnett, Mr Peter Cronin, Mr R Smith, T C; Alderman Gaffney, Mr Andrew Murray, Mr MacDonough, Mr Enright, Mr C Nolan.

The officiating clergymen were—Rev Dr Hallinan, Father McDermott, and Father Bannon. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs O'Regan, Cecil-street.

DEATH OF THE DEAN OF CORK.

We regret to announce the death of the Very Rev Thomas Brisbane Warren, M A, Dean of Cork, which occurred at a quarter-past four o'clock yesterday morning, at the Deanery, St Fin Barre's. The Dean's illness was a long one. He was attacked by influenza in a virulent form early in last year, and it was soon apparent that he was heavily handicapped in the struggle for health by a constitution which was never strong. He was attended by Dr E K Townsend, Dr W C Townsend, and by his brother, Dr Philip S Warren, of Headcorn, Kent, and under their skilful and unremitting care he rallied sufficiently to enable him to take part in the annual meeting held in May for the furtherance of missionary enterprises. His abrupt recovery

rendered by Fathers Murphy and O'Shea. The proceedings terminated with a thanks to the Lecturer, and to Father presiding.

MR BENSON'S VISIT TO LIMERICK.

On Monday next, January 15th, M Benson's celebrated Shakesperian Compa pay a return visit here for six nights a matinee. The bill for the week, which is interesting one, opens with *The Taming Shrew*. *Hamlet* is down for Tuesday. Sp of Mr Benson's impersonation of *Hamlet* a contemporary says:—"The greatest act judged by their rendering of *Hamlet*—it standard by which giants are measurec have carefully weighed and measured our when we say that in this role Mr Benson living masters on the stage." Wednesd. *Merchant of Venice* will be produced; *The Corsican Brothers*; Friday, *The Sch Scandal*, and Saturday night, *Richard III*. will be a special matinee of *Much Ad Nothing*, on Saturday January 20th, at 2.30 impression made last year by the you scholarly actor, who has already gained disti in the thorny and perplexing paths of S peare, has not been forgotten, and on his coming visit he will be supported by a and powerful company, numbering over ladies and gentlemen, including Mrs F R B Miss Kate Hodson, Miss Mona K Oram Robertson; Messrs Alfred Brydone, T J Mei E Lyall Surete, A Grenville, G R Weir, and Stewart.

"THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE."

This very fine opera will be produced Theatre Royal on the evenings of Thursd Friday next by the Limerick Amateur Company. Last year they performed *P* and in the season previously *Pinafore* was on the boards. Each of these was a very able performance for amateurs, and from we can hardly believe that the "Pirate also be gone through most successfully. been in rehearsal for some months back. Esme Lee, of the *Haddon Hall* company, wi the role of "Mabel," and the other leading will be filled by members of the company names are familiar to the public. The ope be produced with all the accessories o scenery, and costumes by Messrs Simmo London. We hope to see a bumper house night, and thus give local talent the enco ment that it deserves.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONI
SIR—Referring to the forthcoming prod of the *Pirates of Penzance* by the above cor I think it right to let the public know the why the name of Miss Esme Lee has been stituted for that of Miss Fanny Bouffleur at the last moment. On Friday ever received a telegram from the latter lady to have the performance postponed for a as she had been suddenly attacked by inf and her medical adviser would not permit travel under any circumstances. I repl by wire stating that the production could postponed, as there were no vacant dates Theatre until May, and I asked her if was any possibility of her coming. The I received made it abundantly clear Miss Bouffleur could not come, and und circumstances we were obliged to se services of Miss Lee, who has now been ei at very considerable expense. Miss Le stranger to Limerick. Most theatre-goe remember with pleasure her charming trays of the parts of "Winifred" and "D Vernon" in the *Vicar of Bray* and *Hadd* last February, when these operas were sta Mr R D'Ovly Carte's Company. She be-