

Gladstonian majority has disappeared. The verdict of 1892 has been reversed with vigour, and the Unionists are not only winning back the seats they lost on that occasion but a great many more also. The most startling surprise has been in the case of Derby. Since the Unionists have won Derby it is possible for them to win anything. The name Derby, both the famous racecourse, and the seat which returned the leader of the House of Commons in the late Ministry, will henceforth be inseparably connected with the Rosebery Ministry. The genial poet of the *Globe* remarks that "Life has its little crosses; The man who scored two Derby wins Must bear two Derby losses." The loss of Sir William Harcourt deprives the Liberals of their only leader should he persist in his intention of retiring from Parliament altogether. There is no one capable of taking his place. Perhaps there will be no one left of his party to take his place. Mr Morley and Mr Asquith have both to fight for their seats, and it is within the bounds of possibility they may not be able to hold them. Addressing his constituents last night Mr Morley anticipated disaster, and hoped his followers would not be over-taken by panic. After Derby it would be rash to say that any contested Gladstonian seat is safe. Saturday's defeat has been followed up with greater disaster on yesterday. There were sixty four pollings yesterday, which had previously been held by 83 Conservatives, three Liberal Unionists, and 28 Gladstonians. The Unionists won 16 and lost 4, thus making a gain of 12, which with the 7 on Saturday, brought the Unionist gain up to 19, counting 38 on a division, and thus swallowing up the Gladstonian majority of 28, and leaving the Unionists with 10 to the good. According to returns received to-day the Unionists gained in Sunderland and lost at Grimsby, so that the majority remains still at 10. The leader of the House of Commons is not the only prominent politician who has succumbed to the fortune of war. Another ex-cabinet minister, Mr Shaw-Lefevre, President of the Local Government Board, has temporarily disappeared from the House, and Sir John T Hibbert, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, keeps him company in his exile. Mr Stanley, the African explorer, has captured Lambeth North, with a majority of 405. Mr Keir Hardy, who was returned for West Ham as a labour candidate in 1892 with a majority of 1,232, has had to give place to his Unionist opponent, who is returned with the substantial majority of 775. Mr Caine, who pushed the disastrous Local Veto Bill into prominence, has lost his seat at Bradford. In fact Bradford, which in the last Parliament was represented by three Gladstonians, has now elected three Unionists. In Ireland up to the time of going to press 26 elections have been declared, with the following result:—11 Unionists, 11 Anti-Parnellites, 4 Parnellites.

MR JUSTIN MCCARTHY'S "full statement" has been published, and it leaves matters almost exactly as they were, that is that Mr

communicate with the *Liberál Whip*, and on the 31st June, '94, these minutes were confirmed at a meeting at which there were present the chairman, myself, Mr Dillon, Mr O'Brien, Mr Sexton, and Mr T. D. Sullivan. Mr McCarthy's "further explanation" requires to be explained still further, and especially from Mr Ellis.

THE POISONING AT LAUREL HILL CONVENT.

ANOTHER DEATH.

RESULT OF THE ANALYSIS—VERDICT OF THE JURY.

Another death has taken place at Laurel Hill Convent, the victim being Miss Bridget Murray, in religion Sister Clair. Miss Murray was amongst those who suffered most severely from the effects of the poisoning, and her condition throughout was a source of anxiety to the doctors. Miss Murray died last night about eleven o'clock, being attended up to the final moment by Dr Malone and Dr Graham. Another nun continues in a critical condition, but, with that exception, the patients are progressing favourably.

The adjourned inquest at Laurel Hill Convent was resumed this evening by Mr Coroner DeCourcy and the following jury:—The Mayor, Thomas MacMahon Cregan, John Donnellan, John F Murray, Patrick O'Donoghue, Martin B Lawlor, Patrick E Bourke, Thomas J Bourke, Richard Harris, William Lloyd, Michael Cusack, Anthony Boyle, Stanislaus Elliott.

Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer was also in attendance, and the inquiry was conducted by District Inspector Hetreed.

The Coroner read two lengthened reports from Sir Charles Cameron on the analysis of the materials sent to him. He had discovered in the viscera a substance which gave all the characteristic reactions of ptomaines, which would be generated by either the milk or the eggs used in the custard. From all he had heard he believed the eggs in it were so imperfectly cooked that the albumen was left in a fluid state, in which condition bacteria could easily and rapidly have set up fermentation and produced ptomaines. He had no doubt the custard caused the illness, and considered it more likely that the poison developed in the eggs than in the milk.

Sister Xavier, who superintended the cooking on the day in question, was re-called, and in reply to various questions from the jury said that some of the eggs used in the custard had been bought, and amongst these was the discoloured one referred to. It was not a bad egg, but she had previously thrown away one that she considered to be actually bad; she was cooking in the establishment for about nine years.

Dr Graham gave evidence of the *post-mortem* examination, at which he was assisted by Dr Heran and Dr Shanahan.

District Inspector Hetreed stated that when he was called first he was requested by his Lordship and the Rev Mother on behalf of the community to make the most searching investigation.

Mr Elliott inquired what was the interval between the real suffering of the community and the time the doctor was sent for, and if there was a probability that these lives could be saved if the doctor were sent for?

Dr Malone—My opinion is that the symptoms were not bad during the night.

The Assistant Superioress stated that at first they thought it would be a passing thing. On a former occasion, after a picnic, they got an attack, but it passed over lightly.

THE VERDICT.

The jury, after an hour's consultation, returned a verdict that the deaths resulted from ptomaine poisoning engendered in the custard, and which was accidentally caused.

At the conclusion of the inquiry, the Mayor expressed the sympathy of the jury with the community in the affliction that had befallen them, and which, as the evidence showed, was purely and simply the result of misadventure, and which might have occurred in any private house.

DEATH OF A CO LIMERICK GENTLEMAN.

member, who attended after twelve, accompanied by Messrs F A O'Keefe, Thomas Mitchell, J P, E Kirby, J P, P Knox, P Finucane, Robert Dunworth, and J Finucane. The proceedings were of a very formal character.

Mr F A O'Keefe, solr, acted as conducting agent for Mr Finucane.

Mr Finucane was nominated in two acts of papers.

In the first he was proposed by Edward Kirby, J P, Ballyhoodane, and seconded by Patrick Knox, of Inch St Lawrence, the assenting nominators being Wm N Hannan, Caherelly Castle; John Forley, Caherelly East; Patk Casey, do; John Power, Brafea; Richard Power, Caherelly East; John Hartigan, Boherduff; Thomas Kennedy, Ballybricken East; Robert Dunworth, Luddenmore.

In the second paper Mr Finucane was proposed by John Kennedy, High Park, and Michael Foley, of Inch St Lawrence. The assenting nominators were:—Thomas Ryan, Kilcoolin; Patrick Murnane, Angledo; Andrew Flanagan, Kilcullen; L Kennedy, Inch St Lawrence; Michael Ryan, Inch St Lawrence; Daniel Horan, Inch St Lawrence; James M'Namara, Kilcoolin; and John Connors, Inch St Lawrence.

At one o'clock, there being no other candidate proposed, the High Sheriff declared Mr Finucane duly elected.

On the proposition of Mr Finucane, seconded by Mr Thomas Mitchell, a vote of thanks was passed to the High Sheriff, and the proceedings terminated.

LIMERICK CITY ELECTION.

Referring to the local election of Saturday, the *Times* says:—

The unopposed return of John Daly, the dynamiter, as member of Parliament for the City of Limerick, is a significant reminder of the sentiments which animate all sections of the Irish Nationalist party. Limerick is credited with being an anti-Parnellite constituency, yet the anti-Parnellites shrank from putting up a candidate in opposition to so popular a criminal. Mr Morley has been deeply impressed by the striking proofs he daily discerns of the capacity of the Irish masses to govern themselves and to govern others. Is the choice of Daly as a "fit and discreet" person to sit in Parliament an instance of the innate qualifications for Home Rule which he admires? Daly is not the first convict whom Irish constituencies have delighted to honour in this fashion. O'Donovan Rossa was chosen to sit for Tipperary county in 1870; John Mitchell was twice elected by the same constituency five years later, and Michael Davitt was returned for the County Meath in 1892. All of them were disqualified and new writs were ordered to be issued. In the case of Mitchell's second election he was opposed by a candidate who was not a "patriot," and as this gentleman proved his claim to the seat under the Election Petitions Act, the result of Tipperary's devotion to the felon was to make his opponent the legal representative of the county. It was doubtless in order to avert such a disaster that Mr O'Keefe, the anti-Parnellite candidate for Limerick, did not withdraw his candidature in favour of Daly until after the sheriff had announced that the time for receiving nominations had expired.

EAST CLARE ELECTION.

MR WM. REDMOND AT KILLALOE.

On Sunday a meeting in support of Mr Wm Redmond's candidature for East Clare, was held at Killaloe. Mr Redmond travelled by Ennis, and en route meetings were held at Broadford and O'Brien's Bridge, which were largely attended. The party arrived at Killaloe about four o'clock in the evening, the principal speaker being Mr Wm Redmond, Miss Maude Gonne Alderman P B Jordan, Mr J H Moran, solr; Mr H Coffey, solr. There was a large contingent including Mr P Madigan, Mr J M Buckley, Mr J O'Neill, &c. Several bands were in attendance and after the meeting some rows occurred, which however, were not of a serious character, except in one instance, where a woman was struck with a stone, and it is alleged stabbed in the face. In connection with the affair two Limerick men were arrested and have been detained in custody. Yesterday the woman's condition was rather serious, but it is not thought that any further developments likely to prove fatal will result in her case. The polling for East Clare takes place