

It is not improbable that the Corporation may before long come to the conclusion of erecting a Town Hall in the City. The present buildings are rented at £100 per annum, and it appears the lease expires next March. The cost of repairs and improvements to these buildings is considerable, and many members incline to the view that it would be more economic to borrow money and erect a Town Hall.

**PRESENTATION TO DR O'SULLIVAN.**

The Society of Bakers have presented Dr O'Sullivan with a beautiful oil painting of himself, as a token of their best wishes on this the thirteenth year of his attendance to the guild. Dr O'Sullivan entertained some of the prominent members of the Society at his house on Saturday evening. Twenty-four guests sat down to supper with Dr O'Sullivan, as President, the Mayor as Vice-President, and Messrs J Kiely, P Nanan, and J O'Connor, who represented the Bakers' Guild. Several toasts were proposed during the evening and responded to. Amongst those present were—Dr Holmes, Dr Mulcahy, Mr Bryan O'Donnell, Mr J P Gaffney, Mr P Cronin, Mr J Barry, Mr Henry O'Shea, Mr R J Rea, and Mr M Redmond.

**MILITARY FUNERAL.**

The remains of Sergeant Bell, Royal Irish Regiment, were interred with full military honours at the New Cemetery yesterday. He was caterer to the sergeant's mess, and had nine years service, and was most popular in the ranks. A large number of the men, with the non-commissioned officers, under command of Captain Lycaght, walked two deep behind the gun-carriage, and behind them was a large party of the Royal Munster Fusiliers. The non-commissioned officers of the 14th Hussars brought up the rear. The touching funeral marches were played by the band of the Regiment. Two beautiful wreaths were placed on the grave by the deceased's comrades.

**LIMERICK AMATEUR ATHLETIC AND BICYCLE CLUB SPORTS.**

This annual meeting will take place to-morrow in the Market Field, and promises to be highly successful from every point of view. The entries are very large, and the best "form" in the country will be represented. A very large and fashionable attendance may be expected, and with the presence of the splendid band of the Royal Irish the sports are certain to be most enjoyable. Lady Barrington will distribute the prizes. The following is the programme:—

- 1 o'clock—100 Yards Flat Handicap, Club
- 1.10—One Mile Bicycle, Novices, Club
- 1.30—100 Yards Flat Handicap, Open
- 1.40—Long Jump, Open
- 1.50—One Bicycle Handicap, Open, Novices
- 2.10—Half Mile Flat Handicap, Open
- 2.30—220 Yards Flat Handicap, Open
- 2.40—Putting 42lb Handicap, Open
- 2.50—330 Yards, Schools
- 3.0—One Mile Bicycle Handicap, Open, "Limerick Derby," Rose Challenge Cup
- 3.10—300 Yards Flat Handicap, Open
- 3.20—One Mile Flat, Scratch, Championship of Munster
- 3.50—Three Miles Bicycle Handicap, Open
- 4.20—440 Yards Flat Handicap, Open
- 4.30—One Mile Flat Handicap, Open
- 4.45—Five Miles Bicycle Handicap; Barrington Challenge Cup, Open
- 5.15—440 Yards Flat Handicap, Scratch, Championship of Munster

ing at the corners of the streets, and clap pipes, always ready to greet a kindly word and pleasant smile.

**AMONG THE HILLS.**

The country around is not exact, but very hilly. The hills, a thousand feet, with pasture and timber as far as they can up their side rounded tops rugged with slaty and heather and gorse. Between the river Shannon, about as wide as the Rhine at Coblenz. A mile high emerged from a vast lake twenty-fifty varying in breadth from eight to ten feet in this lake, beautiful with and jutting promontories, studded there with islands, where old tower castles stand amid trees and brush. In this part the river comes forth deep flowing, dark in colour, like the girls, dark with a blue that is almost pours itself between the steep to and the steeply rising hills on the. An old bridge with many arches, some narrow, steps over the river in quaint and picturesque, but strong which has for centuries breast the mighty river. After passing the bridge, the river breaks into fo. It rushes fiercely and wildly on the island where stands one of the churches in Ireland—a diminutive roof of stone—grey, worn, and but firm and solid to be called a ruin.

**THE CATHEDRAL.**

Just before the river divides under the old cathedral. The sound of the water can be heard as the pebbles of the ancient deeply-moulded arches solemn, quiet house of prayer. A of early Irish architecture is the Flannan. It is half covered with well preserved, and has, during the last few years, been carefully restored. It has a minaret tower. Its lancet windows are tall but exquisitely proportioned; each moulding, each quaintly-carved corner for the antiquary. The Norman tooth fretwork were still lingering in the hood of Gothic when the cathedral was in the Transition style gives it a peculiar beauty. In this old cathedral the bishop's enthronement took place. Money caught a shade of the path served in the scene outside. The thing in it touching, sad, struggle and difficulty, and a path through a much-tried past, and yet at the same time bright with cheery content and pleasant human sympathy, and with a springing hope.

**APPROACHING IRISH MARRIAGE.**

On the 5th June the nuptials will be celebrated at the residence of Mr Lucien Joseph Jerome, only son of General Henry Jerome V C, who was in the Indian Mutiny campaign, 1857-9, and the Crimean Campaign, 1878, and Miss Ethel, the youngest daughter of Mr John Abbert and Castle Blakeney, County Down, and D L for that county (High Sheriff). In July the marriage will take place at the residence of Cecil Ernest Vandeleur, youngest son of Major Thomas Pakenham Vandeleur and Miss Gertrude Henrietta, daughter of the late Mr Thomas J P, of Porter's Park, Herts, and of the late Rev Henry McIVill, Dean of the Cathedral. Miss Anne Dunne, second daughter of Daniel Danne, of Crenston House, County Kildare, is engaged to be married to Mr J M'Carthy Barrv. Barrister-at-Law.

o had the opportunity of casting "care" during the Whitsuntide were very lucky in having glorious cloudless sky, and an exceedingly fine line. It need hardly be said that it would do so, shook the dust off their stockings themselves to the seaside, or country, which now appears in its most luxuriant garb. The effect of the recent rains, slight though they were, was seen in the brightness and freshness of every thing in nature, and one could leave the green fields or the cool shade of the thick foliage. Of the seaside had its special attractions. The long dreary winter, and the harsh winds which prevailed until recently, were an ordinary pleasure to get once more on the ocean, and watch the wavelets under the sunbeams. Consequently it is not surprising that a large number of the city folk started off to Kilkee on Sunday and Monday, and before further we must say that the trains on both on the West Clare and Westford and Limerick lines were most full. The fares being so moderate, the excursions which should become popular during the season. Lahinch is looking up. On Sunday and Monday the trains were imply over-crowded with visitors, especially golfers, who had a splendid time on the links. That there is need for the improvement, which is about being put up at the village near the cliffs, was proved during the past few days, when the hotel accommodation or suitable was a matter of extreme difficulty. The state of things, though most unsatisfactory to the visitor, is still an indication of progress and advancement, and there can be no doubt that this hitherto neglected sea-side will, as we have said, decidedly go up. The fine promenade which takes the eye to the slightly ruins and other evidences of the past, and has been for some time past, and people can at any time they have a pleasant saunter along the promenade, and enjoy to the full the extent the gentle breezes blowing in from the boundless ocean. Additional hotel accommodation is at the disposal of the public, and when the owners of the houses show a better disposition to improve with the times—because, undoubtedly there is ample room for improvement—we