

encouraging to see that all classes have taken this broad-minded view of it, and the large and influential attendance at Thursday's meeting, held in the evening, gives proof that "The Irish Musical Society" is in every way worthy the musical tastes of the country. A leading musical authority, which guides us to that conclusion, is the fact that one of the most distinguished composers of the present day, Dr. Stanford, has already given the undertaking of most cordial support. At the meeting of the Provisional Committee, held under the Presidency of the Feis, and the outlines of a programme now being published. It is exceedingly interesting to meet with general approval. Dr. Stanford suggests that there should be two concerts, with two public recitals. One of these concerts is to consist of selections from the music of Irish composers amongst them being Balfe and Wallace Stewart. Then again, as many of our artists as remain, and also the best vocalists will be given an opportunity of singing pieces according to traditional methods so that every effort will be made to secure an adequate representation of ancient Irish minstrelsy. In addition to make the "Feis" thoroughly complete in its character, it is proposed to hold an "International Concert" at which will be produced selections from the works of Scotch composers as well as from the continental "stars" in the musical world.

Thus we may hope to see in the near future really brilliant and representative performances of noted musicians, and it would be the honour of the country if such a thing could be attained. This movement has been begun a moment too soon. As the report of the sub-committee points out, examples of what can be done in the cultivation of native music are to be seen in the Eistedfodd, and by Scotland. We have allowed our musical life to fall through for many years back, owing to the hearty support already given to the coming fete, we shall make up for it.

All parts of the country naturally take an interest in it, and we are glad to see that Limerick is well to the front, for at the Mayor's meeting, letters of sympathy were received from the Mayor, Miss Graves, Lord Mountjoy, and others. The proceedings at the meeting were of a most practical character, and the project has now been brought to

should be, and the Governors have already decided to enlarge and re-arrange their quarters, at a very considerable expense. To carry out all these works, and to place the Hospital in a position of thorough efficiency, requires the expenditure of a large sum of money, to raise which the proposed "Garryowen Fair" has been undertaken.

All the required preliminaries have been arranged. A most influential and representative executive committee has been formed and divided into numerous sub-committees. The Limerick Butter Markets and field adjoining have, for the purposes of the Fair, been kindly placed at the disposal of the committee by the Trustees. The form that "Garryowen" is to take has been laid down by the committee as a Grand Fancy Fair, Fete, and Gala Entertainment, and is both comprehensive and varied, comprising, as is usual in such cases, a number of stalls, theatrical amusements, cafe chantant, entertainments of every kind, outdoor sports, pony races, and military manoeuvres. We feel sure, from the names of the ladies and gentlemen who have taken this project in hand, that nothing will be left undone to make the Fair a great success, and their efforts, we have no doubt, will be heartily backed up by all classes of the community, irrespective of politics, creed, or sect.

FUNERAL OF MRS J T McDONAGH.

The interment of the remains of the late Mrs McDonagh, wife of Mr John T McDonagh, of Cannock and Company, took place yesterday at Mount St Laurence Cemetery. The cortege was of a very large and representative character, almost all the employees of the various monster houses being present, and there was besides a large concourse of the citizens generally. The chief mourners were—Mr John T McDonagh, husband of the deceased; Mr John T McDonagh, son; Rev Fr O'Gorman, All Hallows College, Dublin, nephew; Mr T J O'Gorman, Cork, nephew; Mr J Mulqueen, nephew-in-law; Rev John McMaton, P.P. Silvermines, cousin; Mr M Naughton, P.L.G. Ballystein, Mr P Naughton, do, cousins; Mr James Carmody, Roxboro; Mr Joseph Carmody, Brunswick street; Mr James Delany, Mr T McSwiney, Mr John Creagh.

The following clergy attended—Rev Father O'Donnell, Adm, St Michael's; Rev Father Cregan, C.C. St Michael's; Rev J O'Shea, P.P. Croom; Rev Father Donnellan, C.C. Castleconnell; Rev Father O'Keefe, S.J.; Rev Father Dundon, O.S.A.

The general public included the Mayor, the High Sheriff, and several members of the Corporation, Mr Archibald Murray, Mr Philip R Toppin, Manager, Cannock and Co, Mr John M'Birney, Mr Lavertine, Limerick Warehouse. A large number of wreaths were sent by friends of the deceased lady.

INTERESTING LICENSING APPLICATION.

At the City Petty Sessions yesterday, an application for a transfer of a license gave rise to an interesting legal argument. Mr Hall, solicitor, applied, on behalf of Mrs Mary O'Connell, for a transfer of the license held by Patrick Egan, in respect of premises in Mary-street. Egan, it appeared, had left the country, and had taken the license with him. Mr Hickson, R.M., believed that the magistrates had no power to grant the application without the production of the license. Mr Hall argued that as Egan was ejected from the premises his interest in the license, as well as in the house, ceased, and it was a condition in the letting that the license belonged to the landlord. Mr Hickson said he did not see anything to pre-

a very exciting one, as it did not involve a question of politics or religion, but it was of importance to the plaintiff, who was a capable woman, and against whom there had been made slanderous statements, she persisted in them. Counsel having taken the position of the parties, proceeded that on the occasion in question the defendant, with her sister, went to Messrs M'Carthy's for the purpose of purchasing some goods, and she purchased a pair of slippers, and she was about to leave the shop when she accosted her, and said some words to her, "What about those slippers." The defendant naturally got excited, and produced the pair which she had purchased, and the plaintiff said, "What about the other pair?" The defendant denied having another pair, and she produced a shawl. The proceedings attracted a large number of people, this being a cheap sale day, and the defendant then made a remark which she can slip away with them." The plaintiff brought the matter under the notice of Mr J. J. O'Connell, who said, "This is a very serious charge against M'Carthy," adding that her mother, Mrs Houlihan, who was a dealer with the defendant, still persisted in the charge, which was entirely unproved.

His Honor—There are no pleadings and I will put the question which I put to the defendant's counsel. Do you make the charge?

Mr Doyle said he did not deny that the charge had occurred, but their contention was that the words were used on a privileged occasion, and were not actuated by malice.

The plaintiff was then examined, and she stated that she had purchased a pair of slippers at the boot table shortly afterwards the defendant put her hand on her shoulder, stopped her, and said, "What about the slippers?" The defendant said she had purchased a pair of slippers and asked the defendant what she was doing. He replied in an easy tone, "Slip them." There was a crowd of people present.

Mr Doyle—That is our case, that the defendant did not do or say anything that was libellous when he had what he considered reasonable grounds for suspicion. Counsel questioned the laws of privilege, submitted that the words were used on a privileged occasion, and also wished to read the correspondence passed between the solicitors of the parties.

His Honor—Oh, I never listen to letters. They always stick a lot of letters in (laughter).

Having read some of the letters, His Honor remarked that they were plausible, and exceedingly cunningly concocted (laughter).

The plaintiff, in reply to his Honor, said that her mother, Mrs Houlihan, who was a dealer in Messrs M'Birney's, was a dealer and had an account with Messrs M'Carthy's.

His Honor—What would be the value of the purchases she would make in the shop? Witness—About seventy or eighty shillings worth.

His Honor—Did you steal a pair of slippers this day?

Witness—I did not, your honor. Mrs Mary Anne Punch, sister of the defendant, gave similar evidence, as to the objection made by the defendant, and Bridget F. Maguire corroborated.

Mr Doyle argued that on the occasion the plaintiff the only question to go to was whether the defendant was actuated by malice, as he submitted the question had been established.

His Honor did not think that was a sufficient ground for Mr Doyle to proceed with his case.