of a great party is one of the curiosities
osing years of the century. The
have lost all hold on England, and it
if Ireland was slipping from their
he Radical Home Rule Alliance showed
decay when Mr. Gladstone resigned
The general election did not infuse
into it, and at the present moment it
o be under a cloud. Its leaders are
They have no policy, and it may
e said they have no following. With
Home Rulers maintaining an inde-
attitude the Radical party is in-
nt, and to be beaten on a party ques-
majority of 267 does not give much
the immediate future.

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at annual Show of Horses, Dogs, and
under the auspices of the Limerick
how and Agricultural Society, will
e in the markets and grounds on
y and Friday, June 25th and 26th.
e of an agricultural show to the
n which it is held cannot be doubted;
ates our admiration for that noble
the horse; encourages in a marked
an improvement in the breed of
nd not alone that but these shows are
s of circulating a great deal of money
ll classes of commercial people, and,
a fixture of the kind deserves the
ort, not only of all lovers of sport—
name is legion—but of those who
have enjoyed the luxury of a saddle,
ule of the prize lists, which has just
d, gives promise of a fine equine
the coming show. There is a class
horoughbred stallion, three classes
mares, several sections for hunters
gsters, a class for best cob or
and a class for best pony.
e sixteen classes in all, and
on with one or other are the Hunters'
ent Society's Gold Medal, the
Challenge Cups, three in number;
h Challenge Cup, the Hunters' Im-
Society's two Silver Medals, and
Challenge Cup. There will, as
jumping competition each day, and
resting event for children for the
out and ridden pony, 14 3 hands and
here are also driving competitions
e say that there will be the usual
play, which in itself is always a
ction. A very successful feature at
exhibition is the Dog Show, and we

RETURN OF THE REV CANON O'GRADY TO BANTRY.—The Rev Canon O'Grady was made the recipient of a very warm welcome on his return after a prolonged abscence in England, where he went to recuperate failing health. He was met at the railway station on his return by, amongst others—Rev J P Cooper, Messrs G A Biggs, W Warner, R Brenan, J Copithorne, A Jagoe, L W Trust, C Dukelow, R Swanton, T R Hurst, W Nicholson, J Nicholson, W J Payne, T R Robinson, C D Swan. Mr Warner explained the object of the deputation, and Mr Swan read an address of welcome from the rev gentleman's parishoners and others. It expressed the fervent hope that his health will be such as will enable him to continue for many years to come to remain amongst them as their pastor and their friend. Rev Canon O'Grady delivered an appropriate reply.

DEATH OF A YOUNG LIMERICK MAN ABROAD.—We regret to record the death, which took place at East London, South Africa, on the 15th April, of Mr Wm Armstrong, youngest son of Mr Robert Armstrong, of Clare-street, Limerick. The deceased, who was only in his 22nd year, had been for some years in the office of Messrs Spaight & Sons, and so late as the month of February last he went out to the Cape, but evidently his constutution was unequal to the severity of the climate. Cut off at the threshold of manhood and in a far distant land, his death is particularly sad and so wholly unexpected that all who know his esteemed family will deeply sympathise with them in their affliction. By the young gentleman's many friends in Limerick, to whom he was endeared by his kind and unobtrusive manner, the sad news has been received with unfeigned sorrow.

THE LATE MISS MATTERSON.

Mr and Mrs J. Matterson desire to return thanks for the great sympathy shown, and for the numerous letters of condolence received from kind friends in their recent bereavement.

"THOMOND."

The first *al-fresco* gathering in behalf of the "Thomond" *fete* is to take place on Friday next, May 22nd, when by permission, and under the patronage, of the Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer, a Garden Party, and Sports, will take place at Corbally, and should attract a large attendance, and very many compet tors. On the same occasion a cycle road race handicap for a valuable silver cup, presented by Lord Emly, will come off. Entries for all events are to be made with Mr W. L. Stokes, J.P, Barrington street. The prizes for the sports are on view at Mr Blundell's establishment, George-street. Lady Emly has kindly consented to present the prizes.

The Executive Committee met this evening. Lord Emly presided. The Restaurant Committee are very wisely arranging for having luncheon and refreshment stalls outside the building, a want which was greatly felt last year. In connection with the Great Fair, the W. L. & Western Railway will give every facility to visitors. Special trains will be run, and at very reasonable rates. Enquiry offices, banking and t lephonic arrangements are all to be catered for; and the latest development in horseless carriages may possibly be seen bringing the weary traveller to his destination. Another novelty will be the "maze," whether of mirrors or otherwise we are not quite able to state, but the visitor will soon find this out for himself.

LIMERICK DIOCE
FESTIVA

The next practice for the
the Cathedral at 8 o'clock
evening next, when it is pa
that there will be a full atte
gentlemen comprising the
will be a final rehearsal on T
11,30 o'clock. Members of
in their seats at 3 o'clock pun
there may be no delay in be
It is most important to obser
choirs must catch trains wh
little time. As will be seen
columns, the preacher will b
d'A. Orpen, Archdeacon of
offertory will be applied to
the considerable expenses of

CHURCH LADS'

The companies of the abo
in Limerick intend holding
Saturday, June 13th. Mr
has very kindly placed an e
home farm, Summerville, a
Sports Committee, of which
position of President. Th
interesting one, including
company championship race
between 10 lads out of eac
lenge cup will be present
which has the best turned
with a sergeant in charge.
of the Sports Committee is
Lower Mallow street, to who
etc, should be made. Ticke
be procured from all office
sioned officers of the Brig
have kindly promised to pre
Ledger & Son, Guy & Co, G.
T. Cope, C. Cromer.

LIMERICK COUNTY C

Tea will be given on M
Misses Brown, Ballinacurra
will be played between a tea
Mr C. Going's XI. The ba
Regiment will attend.

PROPOSED FLOWER S

(BY TELEGRAPH FROM OU
Ennis,

This afternoon a meetin
County Courthouse to con
to holding a Flower, F
Ennis this Autumn. Maj
the chair, and when he had
of the meeting, he proposed
seconded that "a society be
the Clare Horticultural Soci
opted.

Rev E Scott was appoin
Budd, Provincial Bank, Ho

A general committee was
arranged to hold a Show
August on a day to be fi
donations.

SEIZURES O

At the adjourned petty s
Mr Hickson R M, and Mr M
Catherine O'Conner was su
Aldermen, and Burgesses, f
veal which had been conde
and Dr Holmes as unfit for
now alleged that she purch