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THE *Times* gives a very lengthy review of "Trade in 1896," enumerating probably all the important articles and departments of industry in connexion with the principal manufacturing and mercantile centres and companies. The reaction from the extreme depression which set in two years ago has been well maintained during 1896, especially in manufacturing industries and those connected with metallic interests. Shipbuilding has touched a record, and so also have the building of locomotive engines and the cycle manufacture, of course. "The main improvement," says the *Times*, "is in the more general prosperity of the working classes, who have had fuller employment and at better wages, thus increasing their spending power which has helped retail traders, who in turn have given out better orders to wholesale houses and manufacturers, so that general industries have made fairly steady progress. The iron and steel trades have distinctly led the way, and in these workmen of known skill have been at a premium, and occasionally the overtime required to meet urgency orders has given rise to protest; holiday stoppages have also been curtailed, and as the low prices ruling for nearly all the necessaries of life still continue a feature, workmen have had more to spend and thus helped the general improvement. Strikes have not been entirely absent, but they have been limited in duration and area. The agricultural interests have also had a better year, and this also has been of assistance." The portion of the report relating specially to Ireland does not, unfortunately take up much space, though there cannot be prosperity in England without some

ACCIDENT TO A SAILOR.—An able-bodied seaman named Mahooney, a native of Cristfield, Maitland, U S A, while engaged this morning on the top mast of a vessel named the "Armenia" in the dock, fell to the deck and sustained serious injury to the scalp and spine, while in the fall he also came in contact with the mate, injuring him slightly. Mahooney was conveyed to Barrington's Hospital, where he is detained for treatment.

ACCIDENT IN THE HUNTING FIELD.—We deeply regret to learn that Mr T D Atkinson, J P, of Glenwilliam Castle, Ballingarry, met with rather a serious accident in the hunting field on Monday last, having had four ribs and his collar bone broken, as the result of a severe fall. In consequence of the accident he will be laid up for some time, and we understand his horses will be sold. Mr Atkinson was always a welter weight front rank man, and his horses are undoubted performers.

DEATH OF A REDEMPTORIST LAY BROTHER.—Brother Felician, a lay member of the Redemptorist Order, and who has been connected with this city for no less than 45 years, died at the Convent at Mount St Alphonsus on Tuesday at an advanced age. He was a man of wonderful talent in the decorative art, and many specimens of his handiwork are to be seen in the Redemptorist Church. The funeral obsequies took place there this morning, there being a large attendance of clergy and the general public, including members of the Corporation and other bodies. High Mass was celebrated, after which the remains were deposited in the vault beneath the building.

The CITY EX-HIGH SHERIFF—The Mayor and a number of other citizens purpose entertaining at a public dinner, on Saturday evening next, the ex-High Sheriff, Mr J P Gaffney, in recognition of the manner in which he discharged the duties of that office during the past year. Such a compliment in the case of a High Sheriff, is certainly most uncommon, but everyone will admit it is only due to Mr Gaffney to suitably recognise his extreme activity and usefulness in all matters of interest to the city during the past year. Indeed the success of some of the most important undertakings was due in no small degree to his unremitting energy, co-operation, and attention.

SHAMUS O'BRIEN IN NEW YORK.

A cablegram received in town from New York relative to the visit of the Shamus O'Brien Company to that city, says:—"Shamus O'Brien Opera produced Tuesday night; immense success; O'Mara brought down house; all artistes repeatedly called before curtain, and O'Mara obliged to address audience." This news will be most welcome to Limerick people. Indeed all who have seen this picturesque opera must have been fully prepared for the reception accorded it across the Atlantic.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

TECHNICAL CLASSES.

Christmas holidays being over, the Technical Classes have begun again. On Tuesday, the 5th, the first Artizans' Carving Class, under Mr Clarke, from South Kensington, was held in the Town Hall, at eight o'clock p.m. These classes, as before, will be on four nights in each week. Amateurs wishing to learn carving or inlaying, can arrange for day classes by sending in their names to Miss Graves. The Shorthand Classes

The remains of the late Voreker, M A, Precentor moved yesterday morning residence of his brother interment in the family Mary's Cathedral. The element, and prevented ceased, who reside at present, but the cortege and representative, and city, as well as Killaloe rriages. The chief mourners, brother; nephew; and Mr of the deceased. were present or sent to the Archdeacon, and the Rev Canon G Killaloe; the Rev M (Killaloe); Rev Canon Atkinson, Rev F R D L; Mr John Morton; Mr Kingwood; B Plummer, Mr B B M Beauchamp, solicitor; Captain Van conell; Captain Van Mr Maurice G Welsh; Mr John Boyd, Mr W Wm B Fitt, Mr W Colonel Maunsell, J P Lefroy, Killaloe; Capt R White, Killaloe; M valley; Mr W L Han street; Mr Massey; Mr J Holliday, and G Boyd, Mr Browne (Messrs J Hassett, Mr P R Topp Levery, Mr Paul Edge A McNab, Mr Mitch Stewart, Mr Joe Ste George Belshaw, Mr E Lee, Mr Maspratt, kinson (George-street) Dean and Canon Gil clergymen, and the 90th psalm and the Labourer's Task in Cathedral Choir. At noon by the Dean strewn with beautiful last resting-place. and Rev T Taylor, not in time for the train being 50 minutes and Son carried out.

THE VACANT BISHOPRIC.

A special meeting and Kilfenora, Clonfert take place at the Hall to-morrow at 11 o'clock united diocese in Rev Dr Wynne. It is thought clergymen will be freely spoken of being W E Burroughs, Kingstown; Archdeacon Archdeacon Long, the Archbishop of Dublin Justice Fitzgibbon w

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The Town Clerk, the Free Library, James Frost, Chairman, to the account of the large number of selves of it, both