

COMPANY AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

EDMUND KEAN.

absence of two years, Mr Edward Compton renewed his acquaintance last night with the Limerick public, and he and his excellency were accorded a hearty welcome in the Theatre Royal, from a large and appreciative audience. The piece presented was the adaptation of the French of Dumas' play by Mr Compton, entitled *Edmund Kean*. The comedian played the same drama on the occasion of his former visit, when the piece was received with the greatest enthusiasm. The incidents in the play of the great tragedian have been woven into an attractive play, the interest in which is maintained to a moment, and the well-known characters of Mr Edward Compton are given ample scope in the part of the "Stroller," who afterwards becomes the *Idol on Stage*. All who have seen Mr Compton in *Davy Garrick* can easily conceive what a splendid and picturesque performance is that of "Edmund Kean." The scenes of laughter in the earlier parts, and on the other hand, the truly pathetic side which is brought forward, are equally expressed with the dramatic skill, and it was no wonder that the comedian was applauded again and again. The *role* of "Lady Lidcombe," who was acted by Mrs Compton, and need it be said, her performance was charmed and finished to the minutest detail. She has lost none of the grace and beauty which have always characterised her acting, and she was paid her very deserved commendation, recalling her on more than one occasion to the memory of Gertrude Scott made a charming *heroine*, an heiress, and gave a most interesting representation of the *role*. This clever actress played the character with all the grace and intelligence it demands. In the part of "Lord Lidcombe," the dissolute peer, Mr Sydney Leyton played a very clever, and at the same time, the most realistic fashion. The character of "the squire," an old country actor, was played by an old and most popular friend, Mr Compton, in whose hands it was a complete success. The *role* of Sir Hugh Lidcombe was played by Mr Reginald Dartrey; his sketch, as "Tibbs," the Valet of the squire was good, and Mr A. Keith made a worthy landlord. The other parts were capably filled, and the entire performance was excellent. *She Stoops to Conquer*, and to-morrow *the Moon*.

COMPTON AND THACKERAY.

"HENRY ESMOND."

Evening the Compton Company will present a new and most successful drama, *Henry Esmond*, adapted by Mr T. Edgar Pemberton and Thackeray's beautiful and dramatic play. It will be its first performance in Limerick, and it should attract a crowded house. The performance will also be the benefit of Mr and Mrs Compton. There are one or two very interesting incidents to be mentioned in connection with Compton's production of the play. The favourite actor wears in the play which belonged to George IV, who gave it to the elder Mathews, and to the late Henry Compton, from whom it descended to Mr Edward Compton.

COLLAPSE OF AN OLD HOUSE IN THE ENGLISHTOWN.

A BOY BURIED IN THE DEBRIS.

Considerable sensation was caused in the Englishtown last evening by the sudden collapse of an old disused house in the Englishtown, opposite St Mary's Cathedral. A woman had a miraculous escape from death, but it is feared that a boy is either buried beneath the debris, or entombed in the cellar. Some time before five o'clock, Sergeant Riordan, of Mary Street Station, noticed pieces of the interior of the house giving away, and he reported to one of the Corporation officials that the condition of the place was most dangerous. In the meantime a middle aged woman named Nora Parker, residing in Nicholas street, appears to have gone into the building for the purpose of gathering some old timber for fire wood, and while there a portion of the rickety floor overhead gave way. Fortunately not much of the debris fell on her, and she was dragged out by some men, cut and bruised on the head and some of her ribs contused. She was taken to Barrington's Hospital and attended by Dr Haran and was recommended to go to the workhouse hospital, there being no room in the former institution. Shortly after this accident occurred two or three floors gave way with a loud crash, and nothing now remains standing but three of the four walls. It was reported to the police at Mary Street at midnight that a little boy named Wallace, son of a seaman, was missing, and as nothing has since been heard of him, it is feared that he must have been within the premises when the crash came, and that he is buried beneath the rubbish. The Corporation had boardings placed outside the building last evening, and from an early hour this morning a number of men under Captain Wylie, of the Fire Brigade, have been engaged clearing away the debris in the hope of gaining tidings of the boy, but without result up to the present. A large crowd had collected outside the house during the day, anxiously watching the search operations, and were loud in their condemnations that the old house, and one at each side of it were allowed to remain standing. Undoubtedly they are a great source of danger to the public safety. One of the walls running parallel with a lane-way is bulging out, and the front of the house in Nicholas street, at one angle of which is a public fountain, looks in a most rickety and tottering state. The Corporation officials should lose no time in having these highly dangerous premises pulled down, either by the landlord or at his expense, because if they are allowed to remain as they are there is no knowing what the consequences to life may be.

THE BODY FOUND.

The operations were continued up to six o'clock this evening, when the boy's cap was dug out at the steps leading to the cellar. The workmen had not long to continue when they came upon the body, which has been identified as that of the boy Wallace. An inquest will be held to-morrow. During the evening large numbers of persons visited the scene, and the discovery of the body created much commotion, as there were still hopes that the boy had been in the cellar and was alive. Means have been taken to prevent the walls from further collapse, but notwithstanding these measures small portions continue to fall, and it is stated that some of the workmen had narrow escapes from being hurt.

THE CORPORATION.

A meeting of the Corporation was held last evening. The Mayor presided. There were also present Aldermen A. Hall, J. J. Cleary, S. Kenna, L. Carr, Town Councillors W. Han, Wm. O'Connell, Joseph Gaffney, Nelson, P. Connelly, P. McDonnell, Franklin, M. Donnelly, R. Gleeson, T. Mellan, Michael McDonnell, John James Gaffney, M. Spain, R. Nash.

Mr W. M. Nolan, Town Clerk; Mr J. Law Adviser; Mr Wm. E. Corbett, City Engineer; Mr Wm. Spillane, Manager, Gas Works; Mr J. DeCoursey, Secretary, Water Works, were also present.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Alderman Hall said they were all their respected and valued colleague Riordan, had lost his mother through the death of the least the Council might do was to vote of condolence and sympathy with his loss, and he proposed that the Town Council communicate with Alderman Riordan and bid him their sympathy.

The proposition was seconded un-

THE ESTIMATE.

Alderman Hall called attention to the City Paper, the first business on which was an improvement rate. Now, he had received the estimate form in the Town Office and yet he was supposed to have handed hundreds of pounds of the citizens' money for the estimate had only been handed though it should have been given to him months ago.

Mr Joseph Gaffney—Where is the surer?

The City Treasurer having been asked by Alderman Hall said he was told that in the issue of the estimate form was a printer, but he had yet to learn why he did not get it last January.

Mr Woulfe, in reply to Alderman Hall, said the printers got the estimate in Saturday afternoon. Alderman Hall—Why didn't they get it in January?

Mr Woulfe—I would not be able to pay the expenditure until the six months.

Alderman Hall proposed the adjournment of the estimate under the circumstances.

Mr Wm. O'Connell seconded the proposition. Mr Kivelehan proposed an amendment that the estimate be considered.

Ald O'Mara seconded the proposition. A poll there voted.

For the adjournment—R. Nash, D. Carr, P. MacDonnell, M. Spain, Wm. O'Connell, Ald. Hall, Ald. Cleary, P. McDonnell.—10.

Against—Joseph Gaffney, P. C. Hickie, P. Franklin, M. Donnelly, R. McDonnell, A. Kenna, J. Kivelehan, and James Gaffney.—11.

The Mayor—The amendment is carried by a majority of one.

Ald Hall—Did you vote, sir?

The Mayor—No, Alderman. It is carried by a majority of one.

Ald Hall—I ask you, sir, to exercise your privilege.

Ald Kenna—There is no necessity carried.

Ald Hall—I ask you, sir, to exercise your authority.

The Mayor—Well, if I can vote I will vote for the adjournment.

Ald O'Mara—That is a tie.

Alderman Hall—The Mayor has all the votes.

The Mayor—If I have a casting