

buildings, and every opportunity was taken to display the profound respect with which the Queen is regarded by the mass of the American people. The annual banquet of the British Schools and Universities Club was held in the evening. The toasts of the Queen, and the President of the United States, were proposed and drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. In responding to the toast, "Great Britain and the United States, peace and universal civilization," Mr Whiteland Read referred to the good feeling existing at the present time between the nations. He said, "The day you celebrate brings all America to the celebration. We are all by your side to-day. We rejoice with and facilitate you upon the addition of another year to the longest, wisest, and happiest reign of modern civilization. There are men among us who dislike England, but they are fewer now than when the nation was half its present size, and may be fewer yet; but even they are with you in celebrating the seventy-ninth birthday of an exalted Sovereign who for more than a third of a century has been known over the whole of this Republican land as a good Queen." He referred to Mr Gladstone's speech of a dozen years ago, wherein "the first citizen, not merely of England, but of the world," spoke of an absolutely good understanding between England and the United States as a prospect at once majestic, inspiring, and consolatory, and that failure to secure such an understanding would be "a renunciation of the noblest, most beneficial, and most peaceful primacy ever presented to the heart and understanding of man." "That primacy will not be renounced," continued the orator. "Common aim and substantial unity of action among the English-speaking peoples round the globe are coming, not by treaties, probably perhaps not even by formal understandings. They are coming as the human growth comes, because they are in the nature of things. They are coming because they are in the air, in the blood, and in common thought, and because it is harder to prevent them than to let them come." At Tampa, the present headquarters of the American Army, a dinner was given in honour of the Birthday. The American and English flags were intertwined and the band played the national airs of the two countries, beginning with "God Save the Queen" and ending with "The Star-Spangled Banner." The healths of the Queen and President McKinley were proposed and salutes were fired by a battery of artillery and the Helena, a warship stationed there. Roast

days.

**CRICKET**—There will be a cricket match on the County ground to-morrow, commencing at 10.30 a m. between the Royal Irish Regiment and the 8th Hussars. The band of the Royal Irish will play, and tea will be given by Colonel Spyer and the officers.

**THE CONSTABULARY**—Half the police force of the city proceeded to Woodcock Hill this morning for the annual ball-firing practice, and the remainder will proceed to-morrow. The firing is carried out each day under the superintendence of District-Inspector Hetreed.

**THEATRE ROYAL**—"The Sorrows of Satan," a play of great fame, taken from Madame Corelli's novel, will be produced at the Theatre Royal on Thursday and Friday, 2nd and 3rd June, with a matinee on the following day by Mr W L Dabbell's La Comedie Anglaise Company. We need scarcely bespeak crowded houses, all the more so as the engagement is so brief.

**SUDDEN DEATH**—Yesterday morning an old woman named McNamara died suddenly at Mungret. It appears the poor woman got up to prepare her son's breakfast, but was unable to do so. The Dispensary physician, Dr O'Brien, was immediately sent for, but before he arrived she was gone beyond medical treatment. The doctor attributed death to heart disease.

**"THE LADIES' HOME"**—Next Saturday's issue of *The Ladies' Home*, a new London journal of fashion, gives a fine photo of the late Mr Gladstone, as he stood in the Main Hall at Hawarden Castle, with the Prince and Princess of Wales and Mrs Gladstone on the occasion of the Royal Visit last year. There are also highly artistic sketches of the castle, the church, and its surroundings.

**PEOPLE'S PARK**—A meeting of the special Committee appointed to inquire into the complaints in reference to the People's Park was held to-day. There were present—The Mayor, Mr James O'Mara, Mr D Nelson, Major Keany, Mr R Gleason, Mr P McGuire, and Mr Nolan, Town Clerk. Several suggestions were agreed upon for the improvement of the Park, and it was decided to recommend these to the Council.

**DEATH OF MRS F T FINCH**—By a wide circle of friends in city and county, the demise of this estimable lady, wife of Mr F T Finch, 73 George street, is deeply regretted. After a brief illness she passed away at her residence, on Tuesday last. Mrs Finch was eldest daughter of the late Rev Thomas Westropp, Rector of Ardcanney, a well-known clergyman of this diocese, and she was connected with the chief county families. Mrs Finch was a lady in whom charity was the uppermost thought. In all things for the good of the poor she took a prominent, though unostentatious part, and especially in connection with the Protestant Aid Home and the Protestant Orphan Society she evinced a lasting interest. Her premature demise throws several families into mourning, and we deeply sympathise with Mr Finch in his great sorrow. The funeral takes place at 9.30 to-morrow (Friday) morning for St Mary's Cathedral.

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