

at once." Yet if ever there was a which a Government should elect ly it is on this question. It was into Parliament a quarter of a go by the greatest Parliamentary the century at the head of a Gov- t least as strong as the present one. tione introduced the University Bill the full belief that it was accept- the Roman Catholic Bishops and ad with Mr. Monsell's (afterwards ly) assurance to that effect. After was brought in the Bishops met and ed it, they directed the Irish Roman members of Parliament to vote it, and the leader that passed the Dis- arty over the University Question. Balfour's speech shows clearly the Government are not going repeat the mistake that proved to Mr. Gladstone, and before they themselves they will very clearly see y before them. Whether his Lordship's age" is the best method of inducing the try to undertake the solution of the lty is open to question, nor does it : to be a matter of supreme importance Government whether Lord Dunraven : will not be selected a member of the ick County Council, and we doubt if it is y great moment to himself. But the mess- d the intention it discloses of "making it ible" for any member of the Roman lic electorate to use his vote unless in a a way is of startling importance. The h Government has recently passed a Bill ring exceptionally large powers on the possible franchise." The powers to exercised by Grand Jurors on the whole wisely have been away from them and entrusted people, so that practically every man in untry has a voice in local administration. widest democratic measure of modern has been passed, entrusting the people s country with the fullest liberty, and eatest freedom of action ever conferred the populace in the history of man. Yet, ow, when the newly enfranchised element nt to exercise its powers for the first trying its wings as it were, His Lordship shep has it conveyed that he intends to e it impossible" for them to vote for men as Lord Dunraven and Lord egle, who are mentioned by name, so he electorate need not trouble themselves

who are so popular in Limerick and its vicinity, are billed for the Athenaeum for Friday evening at 8, and Saturday afternoon at 8 and evening at 8. This being their first visit to Limerick, we hope they will have good houses.

**ST. JOHN'S WINTER EVENING ENTERTAINMENTS**—It will be seen by advertisement that on Shrove Tuesday, at 8 p.m., another of those highly interesting Winter Evening Entertainments, in connection with St. John's Parish, will take place. An attractive programme will be submitted, and Mr. Muspratt will conduct.

**THE TRANSIT OF FISH FROM TRALEE BAY.**—With reference to a paragraph on this subject quoted from the *Kerry Post*, which appeared in our last issue, we have been informed that the Waterford, Limerick and Western Railway Company have long since offered the Tralee and Fenit Pier and Harbour Commissioners to work the fish traffic from Fenit Pier this season the same as in previous years.

#### VICE REGAL COURT.

Her Excellency Countess Cadogan, accompanied by the Countess of Erne, Viscountess Halibury, Lord and Lady Farnham, and Lady Barrington honoured Mr. Alexander Williams by a visit to his exhibition of pictures of Irish scenery at 85 Molesworth street, Dublin, on Tuesday.

Lord and Lady Montagu and Hon. Mary Spring Rice have arrived at the Chief Secretary's Lodge, Phoenix Park, for the Castle season.

#### DEATH OF CAPTAIN WILKINSON, J.P., BALLINGARRY.

We deeply regret to record the death of an old and highly respected County Limerick gentleman, Captain Wilkinson, J.P., St Oswald's, Ballingarry, which took place yesterday morning at his residence. The sad event was not unexpected, as the deceased gentleman has been in ill-health for some time past, but his death has cast a gloom over the surrounding districts, where Captain Wilkinson was deservedly popular with all classes and creeds. He was a second son of the late Rev. P. S. Wilkinson, of Mount Oswald, Durham, and joined the 30th Regiment at an early age. After having spent fourteen years in the service, he retired with the rank of Captain, and coming to Ireland in the early Fifties, he purchased a considerable portion of land in the vicinity of Ballingarry, and erected thereon the splendid mansion where he has since resided. Soon after his arrival at St. Oswald's, as he named his new residence, Captain Wilkinson was appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the county of Limerick. The funeral will take place on Saturday at two o'clock.

#### THE ASYLUM BOARD.

The Town Clerk has received the following:—  
"Chief Secretary's Office,  
"Dublin Castle, 8th February, 1899.  
"DEAR SIR—I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst on the constitution of the Board of Governors of the Limerick District Lunatic Asylum and to point out that joint committees of management under sec 9 of the Local Government Act cannot be appointed until 1st of April next, and that in the meantime the Governors appointed by the Order in Council of 22nd December last continue to hold office—I am, sir, your obedient servant,  
"D. HARRIS."

read as follows:—

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS,— you to sever your connection giving expression to the deep our members felt when the pressure of your well-merited dered your resignation, as a perative.

"The many years of your Court, the numerous services us, the humanity and skill treated every case that came and never-to-be-forgotten kind one of us had experienced who to seek your aid, have placed obligations to you that we know whatever we can say or do show our appreciation of your your deserts; but we do not addressing a kind and sincere looked on our shortcomings and now that we are most r you a last farewell, we are in this address, not for any int- p-cess, but as a slight token of respect and esteem that which no words of ours can expression.

"In conclusion, we sincerely that God may bestow on you family, a long, happy and p to assure you that though t which bound you to us has severed, our feelings of regard remain unchanged."

The address was signed by Secretary, and Treasurer; al- tees, past Chief Rangers, and

Dr. Graham rose amidst ge replied as follows: Worthy C That you should mark my retirement as Mer present me with this ve and beautiful address which I highly appreciate. It to have been your Medical At of 16 years, and during that the recipient of many valuable kindnesses. I therefore know it is to awaken amongst the r prove true to what may be e generosity of the Court attribute to your kind indulgence the terms in my services amongst you, and would more fully describe the reach than any success in attain it. The uniform cour from yourselves and familie very pleasant, and added I felt at severing my offic you. I shall always highly both for its artistic merit an your kindly feelings towa thank you most heartily enow to Mrs. Graham and fa reciprocate every good wish pine's, and prosperity of the Sarsfield (applause).

Bro. Dr. Humphreys, who officer's ribbon, was then ind the chairman, and amidst thanks to the Court for electi said, a contest which was f feelings of his would be othe- ation for all, no matter whe ported his candidature or eulogistic terms to the ac which Dr. Graham had die and the kindly interest in the members of the