

the expelled members being afforded the opportunity of explaining their conduct. 3rd. A pledge as drawn up is calculated to not working class improvements, as it is calculated to make it impossible for the working class to part with any property, even on a long lease, with a view of affording the working class an opportunity of supplying the need of the workers of Limerick. 4th. A pledge as drawn up will turn the workers into representatives of the League being the representatives of the whole as the law of the land intends to be. I shall always advocate the cause of the League, which, if properly supported, will make it one of the most useful in Ireland, as it affords Irishmen of all creeds and parties a common platform by which they can advocate the betterment of the

you in anticipation for your insertion.

Yours faithfully,
R. DORMAN.

SHAKESPEARE AT THE ROYAL.

(EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.)

Has the interest in Shakespeare vanished in Limerick? Has the life of the products of his genius been killed by the hours of "musical comedy" we have in Limerick? I am tempted to ask the question judging by the attendances at the theatre during the present week the answer is to be most decidedly yes. Here we have a company, and one of Benson's at the disposal of actors and actresses, capable of producing the immortal works of Shakespeare or worthy of his genius, staging them in a manner worthy of the best traditions of theatrical companies, and providing us with an intelligent and scholarly reading of his works. Why do our company have to act to empty benches, and why do our talents on an empty house, and why do our best plays in the face of a sadly neglected office. Where were the educated classes, who should encourage the theatre and stimulate by their attendance the production of those plays in our theatre to those who by virtue of their high social position should occupy the best of the boxes.

Where were the critical and appreciative members of our stalls, who fill to overflowing the Royal at productions of "musical comedy" and the so-called "society plays," but who are conspicuous by their absence when all the best and best in dramatic art is produced in Limerick? "Every cloud has a silver lining" and it is encouraging that the working class in Limerick did patronise the pit and

as I have said above applies with equal force to the past productions of the intellectual class in recent years at the Theatre here. I hope that by the increased number of attendances at the Royal during the present week, that we may not leave Limerick here in Limerick, open to the charge that we do not possess the culture to appreciate the productions of a master mind, that true art is being urged in our midst, that in an age when we pride ourselves on our intellectual advancement and intellectual culture it is the base and frivolous, rather than the intellectual that Limerick should appreciate and enjoy.

Yours sincerely,

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charge of illegally certifying a cheque on the Mercantile National Bank. He has been held on 50,000 dollars bail.

Richard Spry, who went through the concluding stages of the Crimean War, for which he was decorated with the medal and clasp, has passed away at East Stonehouse, Devon, in his 80th year.

A serious revolt is reported from Fontainebleau among the 7th Dragons. Forty troopers were imprisoned, following insubordination and rioting.

Miss Evi Booth is suffering from pneumonia. Her condition is critical.

Arnold Massey, open golf champion, will meet Mr. James Braid, ex-champion, on Warwickshire Golf Club links on May 21st.

At Poole yesterday the French brigantine, Rene Montriene, reported that one of her crew was washed over board by heavy seas in the Channel.

A heavy easterly gale prevailed off the Tyne yesterday, accompanied by torrents of rain. High seas were running. The new battleship, Lord Nelson, which left the harbour yesterday for special trials, returned through stress of weather.

DEATH OF MISS AILEEN TAYLOR.

We regret to record the death of Miss Aileen Mabel Taylor, youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. David Taylor, which took place yesterday at her residence, 6 Eden Terrace. The young lady had been laid up for several weeks past from meningitis, which developed into other complications, and despite the loving care of her family and eminent medical skill, she has passed away just in the full bloom of girlhood, deeply regretted by all who knew and esteemed her for her gentle and lovable disposition. Deep sympathy is expressed with Mrs. Taylor and family in their keen bereavement. The funeral will take place on Sunday morning at 9.30 for the family burial place at St. Munchin's.

In Sympathy.

There will be no bell-ringing practice to-morrow night at the Cathedral, it having been put off in token of sympathy with Mr. Taylor, one of St. Mary's band of bell-ringers with whom to-day a note of sympathy has been passed.

BALLINACURRA SEWERAGE

Land to be Taken Compulsorily

Mr. J. S. Gaffney, solicitor, who is acting for the property owners and tenants of the Ballinacurra district has to-day received a communication from the Local Government Board, on the report of the Inspector, Mr. A. D. Price, stating that the Board has directed its solicitors to instruct the Parliamentary Draughtsman of the Irish Office to prepare a draft provisional order authorising the No. 1 Rural District Council to compulsorily acquire the lands needed for the sewerage of Ballinacurra. The residents of Ballinacurra will be gratified at this intelligence, and will warmly thank the movers in the matter, Messrs Kennedy, Sexton, Coughlan, and Donovan, who have brought it to so successful and desirable an issue.

A man charged with theft of a belt in the cells at B night.

STEAMER ON

A Lloyd's Burntisland messenger, says a fire broke out on the ship Lomond in No. 3 hold while being discharged, and has assumed serious proportions. It is feared all the cargo is lost.

HOUSE FIRED

A report received at Ennis from East Clare, states that the house of Young, a local District Council member, was burnt to the ground last night. No one was hurt. The motive for the outrage is unknown.

90 TO-DAY

Mr. W. P. Frith, a veteran of the Royal Academy, who to-day is 90 years of age, attended at Buckingham Palace this morning by command of the Queen, and was conferred upon him the Royal Victoria Cross.

WASHED ASHORE

The Paess Association's File telegraphed—Three bodies, supposed to be those of foreign sailors, were washed ashore off Ulrome between Bridlington and the Yorkshire coast. They were supposed to come from a vessel which foundered. The men were dressed in oil-skin lifebelts, but they had discarded their clothing.

GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

Johannesburg, Thursday.—The Labour Council to-day supported the Government's Asiatic policy, and the Registration Act, expressing the opinion that the Government would prevent immigration.

WELL KNOWN DEAD.

Brunswick, Thursday.—Wilhelm, a well-known poet, died at Meissen this morning.

WORK RESUMED

Sydney, Thursday.—Newcastle resumed work.

SIX MONTHS FOR

At the Old Bailey to-day, Coombes, alias Earle, residing in London, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for incurring liabilities with stock exchanges. It was stated that the prisoner operated with