

for the first quarter of the ten years 1902-1911. It is not too much to assume that these figures indicate increasing prosperity at home and a wider sphere of labour both from an industrial and agricultural point of view. In connection with the latter, the fact may be stated that according to a return from the Statistics and Intelligence Department of Agriculture just presented to the House of Commons, the number of Irish agricultural migratory labourers who annually find their way to England and Scotland has shown in recent years a steady downward tendency. It is estimated that approximately 15,500 labourers sought temporary employment across the Channel in 1911, as against 18,500 for the previous year, these latter figures in turn showing a decrease compared with the years immediately preceding. Of these migratory labourers, men and women, most of them come from the West of Ireland, principally Mayo, though considerable numbers are also drawn from Roscommon, Galway, and Sligo. Donegal, too, sends a large contingent. In Munster the only considerable migration is from Kerry, but the number from the Province as a whole, as well as from Leinster, is very small. A peculiar circumstance is pointed to in the Department's report—that "despite the difficulty which is found in many parts of Ireland in obtaining efficient temporary labour during the busy times of the agricultural year, there is no evidence of any increase in the number of Irish migratory labourers who go for employment to farms in Ireland as they do to those in England and Scotland." A small migration, it is true, takes place from certain parts of Ireland to other counties, but the question suggests itself "whether Irish tillage farmers could secure a larger share of this labour which is found so valuable in the best tillage districts of England and Scotland." On the other hand it might be worth while for migratory labourers themselves to cast an eye about and see where employment may be had at home, outside their own particular districts, more especially if remunerative wages can be obtained, and as to this it would appear that the payment for temporary labour in Ireland has increased in recent years, to a greater extent than that for permanent hands. This, we read in the Department's report, "is a natural consequence of the decreased number of farm labourers employed the whole year, and the increased demand at certain seasons for additional hands." The question, therefore, arises whether Irish migratory labourers could not find more work—casual though it be—in their own country than they do. But perhaps the uncertainty of it is one reason why so many of them turn their attention across the Channel, where continuous or successive employment may be had year by year; while another reason is habit or custom in this matter of migration, which also counts for much. The number of agricultural labourers in Ireland has been steadily diminishing for years, and the problem is to provide steady and constant employment for those that remain. The fact that there is a sensible decline in the temporary exodus of labour from Ireland annually, suggests the conclusion that the prospects and conditions of employment have improved at home; and if so, the country will be all the better for it from an economic point of view.

#### CURRENT COMMENT

Protestant Orphan Hall on Thursday evening next. The united choir conducted by Mr. Muspratt will sing from 7.30 to 8 o'clock, when the meeting commences. From 6 to 7.30 p.m. a Conversazione specially to meet the Rev. Mr. Patterson will be held in the lower hall of the Protestant Orphan building.

### THEATRE ROYAL.

#### Perfection Pictures.

The production of the Original Perfection Pictures at the Theatre Royal will, as may be seen by advertisement, be resumed at the Theatre Royal next Monday evening at 8.30. There will be three complete changes of views weekly, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and the programme includes the Gaumont Graphis of latest current events. A fine orchestral band will enhance the attractions of the performances. Prizes will, as usual, be distributed every Saturday evening.

#### PRESENTATION TO BANK MANAGER.

A few evenings since at the Market House, Kiltrush, Mr. McFarlan, Manager of the Provincial Bank in that town, was the recipient of a complimentary presentation on behalf of a large number of subscribers on the occasion of his transfer from Kiltrush to Clonmel. Mr. Thomas Kelly, Solicitor, who presided, referred to Mr. McFarlan's estimable and kindly qualities, his courtesy and affability on all occasions during his time in Kiltrush, and said he carried with him to his new sphere of duties their very best wishes for his future success and prosperity. Mr. F. J. O'Doherty, J.P., amid much enthusiasm, made the presentation, which consisted of a solid silver tea and coffee service, and a purse of sovereigns. Mr. McFarlan, who was deeply moved, thanked the subscribers for the beautiful gift, which he would ever retain and cherish, and spoke of the cordial relations that ever obtained between him and the people of West Clare whilst among them. Other speeches followed, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

#### THE PREMIER'S VISIT TO DUBLIN.

##### A Torch Light Procession.

The *Daily News and Leader* says—To judge by the preparation in hand, the forthcoming visit of the Premier to the Irish capital will be made the occasion of an immense popular reception. After the meeting in the Theatre Royal is over, Mr. Asquith will be accorded an enthusiastic welcome, which will take the form of a torchlight procession with bands from the theatre to the Phoenix Park, where Mr. Asquith will be the guest of the Lord Lieutenant.

#### DEATH OF MR M. CUDDIHY, B.C.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Michael Cuddihy, B.C., which took place at an early hour this morning at Bowman-street. Mr. Cuddihy had not been in the best of health for some considerable time, and in consequence had to resign the position he held under the Harbour Board during the early part of the year. For the past month his condition became worse, and as stated he passed away this morning. The deceased was an employe of the Harbour Commissioners for a period of forty-five years, and when he resigned his position the Commissioners marked their sense of his loyalty and faithfulness by allowing him a substantial pension. He was one of the representatives of the Dock Ward in the Corporation since the Local Government Act, and was a member of the Poor-Law Board for the same period. He conscientiously and zealously discharged his public, as well as his private duties, and his kindly manner won for him very many friends who will much regret to hear of his demise.

#### WINCHESTER COLLEGE.

##### Royal Visit in July.

The Headmaster of Winchester College, in a letter addressed to all Wykehamists, which appears in the *Times*, announces that their

proceedings will be in every way adequate to the occasion, and luncheon and tea were provided in a large marquee erected on the grounds. Excursionists arrived in Limerick at 7.15 p.m. all being deeply grateful to Lord Maesy for affording them so enjoyable a day of picturesque demense over-looking the Shannon

### CAVALIERE CASTELLANO ITALIA OPERA COMPANY.

There was a good house at the Theatre Royal last evening, when the Cavaliere Castellano Italian Grand Opera Company gave a splendid production of "Faust," which was received with unstinted applause from start to finish. Signor Gavlosca made a charming "Margherita." She sang her music with rare sweetness and artistic taste and expression, and was, needless to say, very popular. As "Siebel" a "Martha" Signorina Evarti and Signora Ar filled their roles most capably. Signor Vittori, "Mefistofele," sang with great power, and act with fine dramatic effect, and undoubtedly impersonation of the character was a brilliant success. Signor Ferri's beautiful voice was heard to great advantage in the title role, which he filled to perfection, while the "Valentino" Signor Terrasi, and the "Wagner" of Sign Quintina, were most capably presented. The orchestration was excellent, and, in short, rendering of Gounod's music was a distinct treat, which everyone who had the good fortune to be present enjoyed to the full. Such favour numbers as the "Jewel Song" and the "Soldier Chorus" were heartily applauded and encored. This afternoon "The Daughter of a Regiment" was performed and the engagement close to-night with Bizet's brilliant opéra "Carmen" which should attract a big house.

### LIMERICK GOLF CLUB.

#### Ellis Goodbody Challenge Cup.

Eighteen-hole Mixed Foursome Competition played at Ballycough, resulting in a win for Mr. Lynch and Mr. A. E. Browning:—  
R. de R. Rose and Mrs. Peacocks beat Plummer and Mrs. Rose.  
J. C. Purcell and Miss McMahon, w.o.  
W. F. McDonnell and Miss Delany beat R. Leahy and Miss F. McDonnell.  
A. E. Browning and Miss Lynch beat L. O'Kelly and Mrs. Kelly.  
Rose and Peacocks beat Purcell and McMahon.  
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#### RATHKEALE ANNUAL SPORTS.

The above popular fixture which is being looked forward to with the keenest interest is timed to come off on Saturday the 29th instant. The Committee, are making every effort to make this year's event a great success and have, through the kindness of Captain Langford, obtained a new cycle and running track on the beautiful swards beside his fine residence. The track has been specially prepared and rolled as even as a billiard table for the champions of sport. Admirers of the Gaelic pastime will be treated to a splendid entertainment at the forthcoming reunion.

#### BRUFF PETTY SESSIONS.

These Sessions were held on Wednesday before Colonel J. de C. O'Grady, C.B.

##### AN UNLICENSED DOG.

Patrick Murphy was summoned by Constable Gogarty for having in his possession an unlicensed dog.

The defendant said he got the dog on the 1st March last as a pup, and did not think such young animal should be licensed. He had licence for one dog.

Fined 1s and costs, and ordered to take out licence.

##### NO LAMP.

Constable Jones summoned Timothy O'Donoghue for not having a lamp attached to his car.