

it enhanced the pleasure of the evening for the hundreds of spectators who were present, while demonstrating to them the ability of the performers and the excellent training which enabled them to attain such a high artistic standard as that in evidence throughout. The programme, long and varied, was gone through smoothly, while the stage arrangements were good. The scenery, the work of some of the members with artistic tendencies, was quite equal to anything to be seen in the best provincial theatres. The spacious hall was packed, yet, such was the interest taken in the concert, that everyone remained till the curtain fell. In addition to the drama and comedy a high-class concert, comprising the following items rendered by artistes, was gone through—Chorus, "A Nation Once Again," Messrs Adams, Breen, W D Dillane, J Dillane, Cregan and Banbury; violin selection, students of Glin District School; song, "The Green Isle of Erin," Miss Kitty Sullivan; Irish jig, Mr James Dillane; recitation, "O'Donnell's Address," Mr G Hayes; song, "I Stood on the Bridge," Miss L Holly; four-hand reel, Miss E Ruddle, Miss P Dillane, Mr Thomas Dillane and Mr D Ruddle; song, "Old Ireland's Heart and Hands," Mr W Dore; comic sketches, Mr E Breen; song, "Kathleen Mavourneen," Miss L Kiely; the Kienson Band selections, the students of District School; single reel, Mr T Dillane; comic song, "I Won't Marry You," Mr J Rice; Irish jig, Miss Conway and Miss Loughnane; song, "Calibar," Mr J Dore; eight-hand reel, students of Glin District School; "The Dublin Night Policeman, in real Castle style," Mr W Dillane. The comedietta, entitled *The Stupid Servant*, was next presented, and the clever piece lost nothing in the hands of the capable players. The dramatis persone were—Mrs. Fidget, an old bachelor, Mr. M. Lynch; "Susie," a maid servant, Mr. W. Dillane; "Breakal," a new man servant, in love with Susie, Mr. E. Breen. The piece of the evening—the drama *Molly Bawn*—though taken out of its place, lost nothing by the unorthodox arrangement, the cast being a full and strong one. The youthful players evinced a very clear conception of their several parts, while the dresses and general make-up were admirable, and the elocution such as might be expected from persons of far more experience in stage craft than boys and girls now appearing in theatricals for the first time. It is not necessary—indeed, it would be invidious—to discuss the merits of the several players where all were so good. It will suffice to give the cast—Molly Bawn, Miss C Dillane; Brian Oge (in love with Molly), Mr W Dillane; Phil Gorman (who seeks Molly's hand), Mr E Breen; Jack Bradley (chum of Phil Gorman), Mr T O'Grady; Micky Farrell (friend of Molly and of Brian), Mr M Adams; Jack Finlay (enemy of Phil Gorman), Mr J Thompson; Sergeant M'Nab and Constable Farrell—Mr J Dillane and Mr M Adams; Lord Norbury—Mr M Murray; Counsel for defence—Mr E Breen; Crown Solicitor—Mr M Dore; Lord Norbury's Valet—Mr M Dillane; Recruiting Sergeant—Mr J Dillane; Jury—Messrs Adams, Lynch, Hayes, Ruddle, Cregan, Kiely, Dore, and Dillane.

Mr. J. Sullivan, Secretary of Glin Division A.O.H., who was received with cheers, said his first duty was to thank the Christian Brothers for the great help they gave in making the night such a success. He also thanked the people who came, many long distances, in such numbers, even though the night was anything but fine, and lastly the several artistes, who acquitted themselves in tip-top fashion (applause).

The entertainment concluded with the band playing "A Nation Once Again."

Abbeyfeale Calf Market

The opening prices at the Abbeyfeale calf and young stock weekly market on Monday were the best for many years. Calves a fortnight old reached £2 10s; general prices ranged from £1 to £3 10s.

his hand to his trousers and held it to the lamp; "Is that mud?" said he: "I am giving my blood: drive on to the doctor at Bruree." I came with Cusack afterwards to the Infirmary.

Mr. M'Entee—Did you see anything with Hanly? I saw a white-handled table knife.

What sort of a top had it? Much like a pen-knife.

Mr. St. George—What time did you see it? The Friday before this occurrence.

Accused asked if, when he came off the car, he got a stroke of a loaded butt on the head from Cusack.

Witness said no.

Accused then made an observation about two being on top of him in the dyke? There was only one on top of you.

When ye had me down did not Cusack say to you to come on now, that ye had enough of me? It was I said to Cusack, after coming off the car, "Come on now, ye have enough of it."

After that did Cusack say to you, "I am sorry that I did not kill him and pick his pockets?" He never uttered a word about it.

Mr. P. M'Entee, D.L., deposed—On being told on the morning of the 4th January that Cusack was badly stabbed by Hanly, I sent out men on bicycles to search for the accused, and went on horseback myself; I got a good description of him at Kilmallock, and on my way back to Bruff, at Uregare, about two miles from Bruff, I found a man on the road answering to the description, and asked him if he were Michael Hanly; he made an indistinct reply; I told him that I believed he was, and that I had a serious charge against him; I told him who I was and ordered him back to Bruff barrack, where I formally arrested him, and charged him with stabbing William Cusack on the previous night and inflicting on him grievous bodily harm; I gave him the usual caution, and he said—"I never did it; if you think I did put a rope around my neck, and hang me;" I brought him to Kilmallock, where he was identified by Cusack.

Accused—Did not I walk against you? I met you on the road.

Did you suspect me for doing it? I certainly did, the minute I saw you; you answered the description I got.

Had not I a black eye? You had.

Mr. St. George read the charge, and gave the accused the usual caution, who said, in reply—The only thing I have to say is that I defended myself of being killed.

He was then committed for trial to the Assizes.

Accused—Are you not going to try me when this man is out of bed?

Mr. St. George said he had no power to do so.

Accused—Have I to stop in gaol until March?

Mr. St. George—You have, except you get solvent bail.

Accused said he did not know anyone who would go bail for him.

He was then removed in custody.

Funeral of the Late Mr. M Frost

The funeral of the late Mr Michael Frost, Mungret-street, took place on Friday last from St. John's Cathedral for interment in Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. The chief mourners were—Solomon Frost (son), Mrs J Dalton, Mrs G Hanlon, Margaret Frost, Eileen Frost (daughters), Master Joseph Mayne, Master J O'Hanlon, Miss May Mayne (grandchildren), Mr J Dalton, B C, and Mr E Hanlon (sons-in-law). Deceased, who attained a ripe age, was a prominent Nationalist of the old school, and the esteem in which he was held was testified by the attendance of the Mayor and members of the Corporation and a large and representative concourse of the citizens at the funeral ceremony. Rev Father Fitzgerald, C C, and Rev Father Connolly, C C, St. John's, officiated at the obsequies.

The letter was considered satisfactory.

A letter was read from the Secretary of Irish Conservators of Fisheries Conference stating that he was authorised by Lord Mayo to call a Conference of delegates from Conservators of Fisheries in Ireland, at which Lordship would preside, to be held at Dublin Mercantile Offices Association Burgh Quay, Dublin, on the 15th inst.

Miss Helen M. Metcalfe, a member of British Naturalists' Association, wrote stating that she saw a report in the Press that merganser ducks were injuring the fishing in the Limerick district, and consequently were being destroyed. She thought that if the eggs of these birds were examined they would find that the food consisted of crustaceans, mollusks, water beetles, aquatic plants, weeds, grass, and in fact "duck food" of all kinds, with a small proportion of fish. Of course this was quite otherwise with regard to cormorants and gulls, which were almost exclusively fish-eating birds, and consequently were bound to do a great deal of harm. She thought, however, that the merganser ducks came under different headings, and that the fisheries would not suffer if these birds were allowed to remain untouched. She asked the Chairman to have the matter brought before the Board.

The Chairman said they were much obliged to Miss Metcalfe, and the communication was marked read.

The Department of Agriculture wrote in reply to applications under the Development and Improvement Act for a grant in aid of fisheries had not been entertained by the Commissioners from other Boards, and therefore they did not feel justified in pressing the application of the Limerick Board. They also forwarded the decision of the Treasury declining to make the grants in respect of the Board's question.

Chairman—Did not the Department write us themselves that they were trying to get it?

Secretary—They were trying to get it themselves, as they wanted to put down hatches. The Board adjourned.

Weekly Cattle Sale

THE AGRICULTURAL HALL,

On Saturday last Messrs. Eorill Bros., auctioneers, held their opening sale of Dairy Cattle for this season. The entry list was larger than anticipated, up to 60 head being listed for the sale, with several lots for calves in addition. There was a very large attendance at the sale, and prices ruled strong in favour of vendors. The day came very wet and unpleasant, detracting considerably from the appearance of the cattle sale. Despite adverse conditions bidding continued brisk from start to finish, and a clearance was effected, save in the lots of calves, here trade was a bit slow, but by the day after the fair the buyers for this class of cattle did not attend. There was no shortage of cattle at this sale, but prices for good medium and even poor lots were very satisfactory, vendors were well pleased with the result. The following are some of the sales:—Hurley's lot of in-calf heifers from £14 12s to £13 5s; Mr Joyce's draft from £14 to £13 10s; Mr Moloney's first draft from £16 10s to £15 15s; Mr William Ryan's first draft from £13 to £12 15s; Mr J Baggott's first draft from £15s to £12 17s 6d; Mr M'Loughlin's first draft from £13 to £11; Mr J Ryan's draft from £11 17s 6d; Mr Barry's first draft from £13 10s to £11 10s. In the dairy cows Hanly's draft made from £14 to £10 10s; O'Brien's from £13 to £11 10s; Mr M'Grath from £13 5s to £9. Calves-bullocks from £5 2s 6d. Heifers from £6 10s to £5 10s.

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