

part which was ended by a conference between a disaffected and a committee. Two of the papers, however, would not agree to the arrangement arrived at and they were sentenced to a brief term of imprisonment for refractory conduct. One of them that the barber, instead of shaving the men, was loyally looking after birds.

OUT AND ABOUT.

copy of our monthly calender and time is given with this is us. The Dublin "Gazette" announces that Mr. Edward St. George has been appointed out magistrate for county Limerick, to be based at Kilmallock.

and Lady Listowel are staying at Conval for fishing on the Blackwater. The marriage arranged between Mr. Nigel and the Hon. Sybil Roche, will take place at Peter's Eaton square, on October 14th.

W. McMillan, who was temporarily pering the duty of Petty Sessions Clerk at Limerick, was elected permanently at the last Petty Sessions.

well known Southern sportsman has passed in the death, which is very much regretted, of Thomas Coley, Suir Island, Clonmel, who was secretary to the Clonmel and Kilsheelan Coursing Club, the Clonmel Hawking Club, and member of the Clonmel Race Committee.

at a meeting of the Borrisokane District all three notices were received from Mr. H. N. Nephew, of intention to claim an amount in all, to £115 in connection with the alleged malicious burning of turf ricks at Glou, Glou, Jordan, on the nights of the 24th and 25th July.

considerable damage has been done along the of the Shannon between Athlone and Clonmel, owing to the very rainy weather during the last six weeks. A considerable quantity of standing in floods, and the money loss caused is estimated at a considerable figure.

tenants on the estate of Mr. Thomas P. O. Clare, have signed agreements to purchase of their holdings. The terms are—First term and non-judicial tenants, 20 years; second term, 25 years purchase; and arrears to the extent of a year's rent and one year's interest was added to the lease money.

ARTER SESSIONS.

White Gloves. His Honor County Court Judge Smith, K.C., opened the business of the Quarter Sessions for the city. His Honor was accompanied by the Mayor, who was his judicial officer.

The officers of the Court present were—Mr. M. Beachamp, Clerk of the Crown and the Peace; Mr. C. H. Fitt, Assistant Clerk; Mr. J. Nash, Registrar; and Ald. Prendergast, Sheriff.

The Mayor said in the absence of the High Court he wished to offer to his Honor the gratulation on presiding at the Sessions, which was shown in the peaceable condition of the city and county. It was a matter of great gratulation for the citizens of Limerick that their country was in such a condition of peace.

It was certainly a great object-lesson for our own people and for their governors and to consider that they in Ireland were capable of informing to the laws of the country, and that they were acting according to their spirit. He congratulated his Honor as being the recipient of white gloves, and hoped he would long wear them to receive them.

MR. JOSEPH O'MARA.

ARRIVAL IN LIMERICK.

Enthusiastic Reception. The arrival of Mr. Joseph O'Mara in his native city last night was marked by unbounded scenes of enthusiasm and rejoicing. It was announced that the distinguished vocalist would arrive from Dublin by the 10.30 train, and for an hour or two previous the streets in the vicinity of the terminus presented an animated appearance. Thousands flocked to the place to give their fellow-citizens a hearty reception.

The members of the Corporation, with commendable forethought, had arranged for an address of welcome, while a vast body of admirers of the famous tenor organized a torch-light procession, headed by Boherbony, St. Mary's, Barsheld, and No. 9 bands, to do him befitting honour.

Some short time after the appointed hour the train steamed into no. 3 platform, and when Mr. O'Mara made his appearance at the door of his compartment the station resounded with cheers which were repeated again and again. He was then presented to the Mayor and members of the Corporation present, after which he was escorted as far as the Booking Office, where the Mayor extended to him a hearty welcome to his native city. In the course of his remarks his Worship said it was unnecessary for him to introduce to them their worthy and respected fellow-citizen, Mr. Joseph O'Mara. He was, as they knew, the worthy son of worthy parents. His family, had earned the respect and gratitude of the citizens as a whole (cheers), and Mr. Joseph O'Mara himself had in no small way helped to contribute to that. They had all followed his career so far with pleasure and pride, and he felt sure that in the years that lay before him he would sustain the reputation he had won in his profession. On Friday evening the Corporation would testify to his worth by conferring on him the highest honour it was in their power to bestow, by presenting him with the Freedom of the ancient Borough of Limerick (cheers).

The Town Clerk, Mr. W. M. Nolan, J.P., then read the address as follows:— "Address from the County Borough Council of Limerick to Joseph O'Mara, Esquire, on the occasion of his visit to Limerick previous to his departure for America."

"DEAR MR. O'MARA.—On behalf of the County Borough Council of Limerick, we bid you, on behalf of the citizens, a cordial and hearty welcome to your native city on this the occasion of your visiting it professionally prior to your forthcoming extended tour through the United States of America; and we ask your acceptance of the freedom of this ancient and historic municipality, as the highest honour it is in our power to bestow upon you.

"We have followed your successful career on the operatic and concert stage with pride and interest, and we congratulate you on the exalted position you have attained, and the distinction you have won through your histrionic ability and as an interpreter of high-class vocal music on the stage—your place as a great Irish tenor, being recognized even where criticism is the keenest.

"It gives us sincere pleasure to learn that you have formed the project of making the songs of our native land better and more widely known amongst our exiled fellow-countrymen and countrywomen throughout the great Republic of the West, and we feel convinced that no better, more faithful or more capable or more gifted exponent of our native music—which, in the words of the poet, is 'Beyond comparing, and the sweetest far on the ear that falls'—can be found than in the person of our illustrious townsman, Mr. Joseph O'Mara. We use no mere words of flattery when we say that your career proves that you worthily uphold the highest traditions of Limerick's reputation as the birthplace of some of the sweetest and greatest singers—men and women—whose notes have thrilled and delighted audiences throughout the world.

"In wishing you 'God-speed' we trust that your commendable undertaking may be successful beyond your most sanguine anticipations, and that you may return to your native land and its people (who all excite and rejoice in your progress) crowned with renewed laurels of honour and fame.

"Signed and sealed on behalf of the County Borough Council of Limerick. "THOMAS DONNELLAN (Mayor). "T. H. CLEAVE, Knt. (City High Sheriff). "W. M. NOLAN, (Town Clerk). "30th September, 1908."

The Mayor said before Mr. O'Mara replied he wished to say he had been asked to announce that the City High Sheriff was unavoidably absent that evening, but he hoped to be at the proceedings on Friday evening when, as he had already stated, Mr. O'Mara would receive the Freedom of the City (applause).

Mr. O'Mara who was enthusiastically received thanked the Mayor and Corporation very sincerely for the gracious welcome they had given him on his arrival in the city. In the pursuit of his profession his ambition had been to uphold the highest in art. He was going across to America to do that, and he might say that from the time he started on his professional career his object was to raise the standard of Irish music. By his American

well on sing anything. There is no audience so blissed that will not enjoy a good Irish song, will rendered."

Mr. O'Mara told an "Independent" representative that he has many valued friends in America, especially amongst those of Irish birth or parentage. The play in which I am to appear," he said, "is really a dramatic vehicle for the introduction of a large number of Irish songs. Signor Esposito has arranged a number of beautiful old Irish melodies for me, a couple of which I shall sing to-morrow afternoon for the first time in public. My American tour will, I am sure, open the eyes of our cousins across the water to the beauties of the ancient Irish airs, and, I hope, make them popular over there."

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION.

DR. O'DWYER & MR. DILLON.

Home Rule Question.

At the meeting of the Limerick Board of Guardians yesterday, Mr. J. McInerney, J.P., presiding, the Clerk read the following letters:—

"Ara Coeli, Armagh, "28th September, 1908.

"DEAR SIR,—His Eminence Cardinal Logue begs to acknowledge with thanks receipt of copy of the resolution in which Limerick No. 2 Rural District Council and Limerick Board of Guardians condemn the action of the Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith, in prohibiting the procession of the Blessed Sacrament on the occasion of the recent Eucharistic Congress.

"I am, dear sir, yours gratefully, "MICHAEL QUINN, Secretary.

"H. J. GUINANE, Esq., "Clerk of Union."

"Corbally, 30th September, 1908.

"DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt, in due course, of your letter of the 21st inst. enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the Board of Guardians with reference to Mr. Asquith's interference with the recent Eucharistic procession in London, and to request you to assure the members of these Boards that I thank them very heartily for passing so admirable a resolution, and that I fully appreciate the motive which suggested to them to send me a copy of it.

"I quite agree with your statement that the action of the Prime Minister was a gross insult to the Catholic religion throughout the world. If he had stood upon the illegality of the procession and forbade it from the first it would have been bad enough; if he interfered at the last moment from a well-founded and honest apprehension of a breach of public order we could respect his action, but for the sake of mere political expediency to become the tool of clamorous bigots, such as Revs. Sylvester Horne and Hirst Hollowell, is about as gross a piece of offensiveness as a man in his position could commit against the representatives of the Catholic Church throughout the world who were gathered at Westminster in a great and solemn act of religion.

"Not only the Catholics of these countries, but every fair-minded man, who respects religion and respects the rights of conscience, resent and condemn the Prime Minister's action as an insult to Catholics and as mean and unworthy in itself.

"Yet if we are to accept the view of one of the leaders of the Irish Parliamentary Party in his apology for the Prime Minister, we are all labouring under a grave mistake. Mr. Asquith may have fallen into an error of judgment and shown a certain amount of weakness, but that is all, and it is unjust to condemn him; but the real culprits who deserve our censure are the authorities of the Catholic Church—the Pope, His Legate, Cardinal Vannicelli, the Archbishop of Westminster, the Archbishop of Dublin, all of whom, with the usual ingratitude of the Catholic Church of Ireland, because she is poor and weak, held the Eucharistic Congress not in Dublin, but in order to rub shoulders with the aristocrats in a Protestant city such as London.

"It is deplorable that any man professing the Catholic Faith should allow himself to indulge in such a taunt, which is infinitely worse in its malice than anything that Mr. Asquith did, and it is utterly unintelligible to me how Catholic priests could listen in silence to such language.

"The Eucharistic Congress ought to be treated, at least by Catholics as belonging to a higher order and a different sphere from the associations to which such unworthy comments belong. It is above all sectional divisions; it raises us above class divisions and national separations. It belongs to God's Kingdom on earth, in which there is neither rich nor poor, Irishman or Englishman, French or German, but we all, members of the same Mystical Body of Christ, which is His Church, kneel before the same altar, and love one another in the love of God our Father.

"Then, in such a context, talk about the Church's ingratitude is as ignorant and foolish as it is wicked. We Catholics have been taught from our infancy that all the obligations of gratitude are on us. God owes us nothing, but in giving us His holy Faith in the Catholic Church He has blessed us beyond all our deserts. "This is the simple truth, and it is

LIMERICK RACES.

Stewards—Mr. J. O'G. Delmege (chairman), the Mayor of Limerick, the City High Sheriff, the Earl of Dunraven, Sir Chas. Barington, Bart., Mr. P. La Touche, Captain J. White, Mr. T. D. Atkinson, Major P. H. Wise, Messrs. Bryan O'Donnell, P. E. Bourke, W. Leaby, D. Begley, T. McGrath, M. Cahill, J. Quin, G. O'Dea, O. E. Cull, J. Dowling, E. O'Connell, J. H. Roche, J. Flynn, J. Clune, E. J. Looer, T. Buckley, Judge and Clerk of the Course—Mr. W. L. Waters, Stakeholder and Receiver of Entries—Mr. T. Brindley, Handicapper—Mr. R. McK. Waters, Secretary—Mr. W. A. Delany, Starter—Mr. A. Blumberghastel, Auctioneers—Messrs. Ebrill Bros.

First Day. The executive of the Limerick meeting were in luck yesterday as regards the weather associated with the opening day at Green Park. Though the sky was somewhat cloudy, the afternoon turned out fine and balmy, and there was a very large attendance of city and county folk, as there usually is at the October gathering. A capital day's sport was provided, and the meeting was most successful in every respect. In consequence of the death of his mother Mr. W. L. Waters was unable to be present, and his duties as judge were performed by Mr. O. Brindley. Cherry Pip won the September Plate, What's Up the Directors' Plate, Miss Edgar the October Plate, Schwesmer the Tradesman's Plate, Shevra the Stewards' Plate, and Gallyn the Shannon Plate.

Second Day. There was a very large attendance at the second and concluding day of the Limerick Autumn Meeting. Though it rained in the morning the evening kept up well, and under such conditions a very pleasant afternoon was experienced. The arrangements were, as usual, carried out to the satisfaction of all concerned, and visitors were profuse in their praise of the Executive. Details—

The STAND PLATE of 75 sovs. A handicap hurdle race of one mile and a half. Mrs. E. M. Woodland's Golden Day (R. Morgan) ... 1 Mr. H. J. Usher's The Accepted (Owner) ... 2 Mr. J. Dowling's Dandy Dick (R. Moss) ... 3 Also ran—Buckmistress, Ananias, Gripenberg, Thebasis, and Xenie.

Betting—2 to 1 agst Golden Day, 5 to 2 The Accepted, 5 to 1 Dandy Dick. Won easily by a length and a half; a neck between second and third.

The GREENPARK PLATE of 50 sovs. A welter handicap flat race of one mile and a half. Mr. J. O'Dwyer's Sir Henry (W. Tierney) ... 1 Mr. G. W. Lushington's Gortshalgan (Aashooey) ... 2 Mr. J. C. Lyons' Double Saint (M. Coibheary) ... 3 Betting—2 to 1 on Sir Henry, 4 to 1 agst Gortshalgan, 5 to 1 Double Saint.

The CITIZENS' PLATE of 100 sovs. A handicap cap steeplechase of two miles. Mr. J. Scollard's Sulance (A. McGinn) ... 1 Mr. B. O'Donnell's Silent Bird (J. McCormack) ... 2 Mr. J. P. Hogan's Crown Receiver (R. Morgan) ... 3 Also ran—Bouncing Bess.

Betting—5 to 2 on Bouncing Bess, 5 to 1 agst Sandance, 7 to 1 Silent Bird. Won a fine race by half a length; eight lengths between second and third.

The AUTUMN PLATE of 50 sovs. A Corinthian flat race of two miles. Capt R. Curling's Kramori (Mr. J. Manly) ... 1 Capt H. Chippendale-Higgis's Joe (Mr. J. Widger) ... 2 Mr. J. O'Neill's Mrs. Frost (Mr. H. Nuttall) ... 3 Betting—5 to 2 on Kramori, 5 to 1 agst Joe, 6 to 1 Mrs. Frost.

Won in a canter by six lengths; a bad third. THE MUNSTER PLATE of 55 sovs. A weight for age steeplechase of three miles. Captain G. Paynter's General Taylor (owner) ... 1 Mr. Hunter-Moore's Newry (Mr. H. Usher) ... 2 Mr. C. B. Grant's Gleneby (T. Lyons) ... 3 Also ran—Jane Morgan.

Betting—5 to 4 on Newry, 7 to 2 agst Gleneby 4 to 1 Jane Morgan and General Taylor. Won easily by ten lengths; five lengths between second and third. "An objection was made against the winner for crossing, but was over-ruled.

Newmarket Meeting.

SELLING PLATE. Relish ... 1 Lavause ... 2 Manaton ... 3 Also ran—Sir Peter, Le Horo, Zancig. Betting—5 to 5 on Manaton, 3 to 1 agst Lavause, 10 to 1 Le Horo, 100 to 8 others. Won by a length.

TRIENNIAL STAKES. Chatsaigne ... 1 Scoopre ... 2 Louviers ... 3