

amongst others, were read from Colonel Saunderson, and the Bishop, Dean, and Arch-leacon of Cork, who were unable to be present, having to attend the meeting of the General Synod in Dublin. The Rev Canon Griffin, P.P., Millstreet, wrote regretting his inability to attend owing to the state of his health. The parish priest of Millstreet denounced "the odious bill" introduced by Mr Gladstone. "An Act which has been condemned by the followers of O'Connell, even by his own surviving son; and why?" continued Canon Griffin. "Because it is supported by men of no property (with few exceptions) in the country. Those who have supported the agitation are known to have removed some thousands from Irish investments and placed them in foreign stocks. We must therefore ask why should we hand over the country to their guardianship. The people are at last opening their eyes and beginning to see that they have been ruining themselves and running themselves into destruction." The chief speech of the evening was delivered by the Marquis of Londonderry, who referred to the condition of the country during his tenure of the office of Lord Lieutenant, and to the great improvements that had taken place during his continuance in office, with Mr Balfour as Chief Secretary. With regard to the astounding ignorance of many of the people of Great Britain as concerning the loyal minority in Ireland, he thought the Englishman was not altogether to blame. He sees Ireland through Irish glasses, these glasses being the Irish majority in the House of Commons. The Loyalists of the South and West of Ireland are entirely unrepresented, and the minority of the South and West have not spoken out for themselves. In many parts of the South and West of Ireland there has been for some years past a certain amount of apathy with regard to putting forward Unionist principles and Unionist views, and they have permitted Englishmen to believe that the persons who hold such views and principles do not exist in these parts of the country. They were silent because they considered Home Rule outside the range of practical politics, and they thought that it would be ridiculous to hold meetings in the midst of the vast majority by whom they were surrounded, and who hold totally different opinions. A different spirit has now come over the Loyalists of the South and West. Meetings have been held, and petitions have been signed, and it is noteworthy that the petition from the City and County of Cork has no less than 17,000 names attached to it. In concluding his speech Lord Londonderry pointed out that the small farmers, the artisans, and the working classes generally have shown their distrust

the suit of the guardians was adjourned, defendant not having appeared. Some cases under the Dogs Act were disposed of.

**STABBING AFFRAY**—Sergeant Hickey arrested a man named William Harrold, of Mungret street, last night, on the charge of stabbing another named Martin O'Dea. It is alleged that the prisoner deliberately stabbed O'Dea with a penknife in two places in the region of the heart, and the injured man is now in Barrington's Hospital. The prisoner has been remanded to Petty Sessions by Mr F G Hodder, R.M.

### SHOCKING DEATH OF LADY KEENAN.

Lady Keenan, wife of the Right Hon. Sir Patrick Keenan, C.B., Resident Commissioner of National Education, died yesterday under singularly painful and shocking circumstances. The deceased lady met with her death in consequence of a severe burning accident, which she sustained on Sunday night at her residence Delville, Glasnevin. It appears that on Sunday night, about 11 o'clock, Lady Keenan, who was aged over sixty, retired to her room as usual. While standing at the fire after undressing, and wearing only her night-gown, suddenly that garment became ignited, probably being in close contact with the fire, and Lady Keenan, in a state of terror, rushed into the adjoining room, occupied by her daughter, where assistance was quickly obtained, and the flames were extinguished. It was found that Lady Keenan had sustained some severe burns, and remained for some time in a state of prostration, while a messenger was immediately despatched for Dr Ryan, of Glasnevin. On arrival Dr Ryan applied restoratives, and attended to Lady Keenan's injuries. In spite of the greatest care and medical skill Lady Keenan became gradually worse until yesterday morning, when she breathed her last. The melancholy occurrence has cast a deep gloom over the village of Glasnevin where Lady Keenan was most popular and respected. In Dublin yesterday the sad news was heard with the deepest regret, and the greatest sympathy is expressed on all sides with Sir Patrick Keenan and his family in their heart-rending affliction. Dr Ryan has stated that death was due, not to burns, but shock and failure of the heart's action. He has written to the Coroner stating that he does not believe that an inquest is necessary, and Surgeon Hayes, of Merrion square, who was called in to consult with Dr Ryan, expresses the same opinion. Under the circumstances, it is very probable that no inquest will be held.

[Lady Keenan was youngest daughter of the late Mr Michael Quin, an important Limerick merchant, who was mayor of this city in 1848. A sister of hers married the late Mr Robert M'Mahon, J.P., of Limerick, who was mayor in 1863. Another sister married Mr George Burke, of Danesfield, County Galway, whose daughter is the Countess of Fingall.—Ed. L.C.]

### INTERESTING POOR RATE CASE.

At the Quarter Sessions yesterday, before the County Court Judge, a process was heard at the suit of the Guardians of Limerick Union against the Limerick Corporation for a sum of £11 18s 4d, rates due on Barrington's Hospital.

Mr Hall, solicitor for the guardians, contended that as the Corporation paid the rent for the hospital to a Mrs Matgison, they were virtually to be considered in occupation, and were bound to pay the rates, having at the time their remedy to deduct same from the landlady. He quoted

them was a fencing exhibition between Lyons and Mr C Vaughan, in which Lyons displayed great skill, but the Insularity in the art was apparent. A team of the Ladies' Calisthenic Club of the following, then went through various exercises—Misses J Caswell, Cusack, N Gilligan, L Gilligan, Nestor, M Cashel, E O'Mara, McSwoney, F O'Donnell, C Gera, M Hanly, N Hanly, N O'Callaghan, B Guinane, A Sheahan, M Egan, K Herriott, M Ha. The feat was executed cleverly, fully, and won the heartiest applause. The instructor Lyons and Master highest praise must be given to the man in which he executed his performance was singular execution of very difficult feats be very clever pupil. Both received encomiums from the audience, and an enthusiastic demonstration of appreciation. The walking mental drill by the Junior Calisthenic team was another most performance, the audience's admiration of it by an imperative team were obliged to reappear hornpipe dance by Messrs J J, an was an item in which the audience a peculiar interest. It was executed in a style, and the audience marked it off by an unanimous encore. They then went through parallel bar performance of Messrs Russell, Van Riordan, Hanly, Corbett, and remarkably good. The other team—Messrs D J Sheahan, T B E O'Toole, J Lynch, M D Trehy, M Namara, T Frost, C Geraghty, Cashel, and T Ryan, acquitted creditably. This concluded the programme, and the second was performance by the Senior Ladies, went through wand and sword manner which showed a considerable proficiency, and reflected credit on the instructor. The members of Misses F Doyle, E Sheahan, M J Gilligan, M Hodgkinson, P Ke L Nestor, M Hannan, L Doyle, Potter, A Cashel, A O'Brien, M O'Neill, K Cashel, E Hod. Flying rings, performed by and junior Ladies' Calisthenic unique element in the programme first occasion on which an exhibit was given in a similar performance. The ladies went through the in great amount of ease and skill, and the performance was highly appreciated. In pole, by the ladies' team interesting and much-admired. Mr M D Trehy's dancing of " was excellent, and he proved a tionally clever exponent of the Irish form of dance. The hornpipes were cleverly gone through. Altogether the performance was full reflecting the utmost credit (Mr P Lyons), and gave delight to the audience. The following was discoursed during the evening:—

**PART I.**  
 Selection..... "The Gondolier"  
 Waltz..... "Ever and ever"  
 Waltz..... "Laetitia"  
 Waltz..... "Foreador"  
 Galop..... "John Peel"

**PART II.**  
 Selection..... "La Cigale"  
 Waltz..... "The Flower She"  
 Waltz..... "The Mikado"  
 Waltz..... "The Colonel"  
 Galop..... "Vivat"