

boats, and at present has got is the Piræus. Germany is tleships, and the United States ruisers is being strengthened by The Russian fleet is in the Black particulars of its strength have rtained. In addition to this possesses a squadron in the st remarkable vessel of which is cruiser "Rurik," which attracted ion at the Kiel festivities. It y this enumeration that Great than holds her own in this the warships of all nations. The tleships form a most imposing thers together number but four r six when the full French con- es upon the scene. It is to be ervices will not be required, and I disperse to their several quarters they arrived. If there is to be Great Britain is well represented of action.

ad Crafts Exhibition, the first of opened in Dublin last Tuesday by eutenant. Our native products de by side with those of the sister and the labours of the present can be compared with those of a d of our history. We would carry promoters, the work of our fore- if there be losses of certain forms ll, we would seek to recover what- e in harmony with the best spirit imes. The Exhibition has been or the purpose of fostering an rit and an artistic feeling on the handicrafts-men of this country. sent time, as was observed by Lord re can turn out a larger quantity a given time than was possible in ys. Our artisans now have all es of machinery and the improve- ols and appliances that their fore- not possess. They can consequently ore work, but it does not necessarily they have improved the quality and rit of the products. There is a stiness and incompleteness which is observed in the work of the older and artists. The products of Irish er days are unapproachable now by men, as anyone can see who takes a nd the hall of our National Museum e-street. It was a bold experiment efore our artisans the work of the me with that of a previous period, o place it in comparison with that in Great Britain. Our native talent

remarks, spoke of the nature and operations of the Bible Society, and referring judiciously and touchingly to the desire for a closer union among the churches, at the present time so widespread and far-reaching in its teaching, gave expression to sentiments which were heartily endorsed by the subsequent speakers. Resolutions, expressive of thankfulness to God, for the good work which the various societies, especially the British and Foreign Bible Society, had been instrumental in doing in the marvellous circulation of the Scriptures in so many lands and so many tongues, and pledging the audience to a deeper interest in the local work of the Hibernian Bible Society, were earnestly spoken to by the Rev T B Robertson, Rev Andrew Armstrong, Rev Thomas Greer, and Rev D Tilsley, after which the deputa- tion secretary, the Rev T E Rudd, B.A, in an interesting and lengthy address, explained the objects, operations, and methods of the Society, and earnestly urged on his audience its claims to their hearty sympathy and support. In order that the work of the Society might be carried out locally, an honorary secretary and treasurer were appointed, with power to form a committee. A collection was then taken up in aid of the funds, after which the meeting—which was not as largely attended as it ought to have been, considering the pains that were taken to make it public, and the importance of the work—was closed with singing and the Benediction. Besides the speakers there were on the platform the Rev R H Seuple, M A, and the Rev Mr Abbott, B A.

**SAD DROWNING ACCIDENT IN LIMERICK.**

This afternoon a very sad drowning fatality occurred in Thomondgate, the victim being a young farmer named John Hanrahan living at Meelick Pass, some few miles from the city. It would appear that the deceased, who was on his way home with a horse and cart, proceeded to water the animal from a slip above Thomond Bridge, and when on the brink of the river tipped the horse with a stick, with the result that the animal plunged forward, and in an instant was in deep water. Hanrahan, however, remained in the cart till it sank, and then jumping out sank almost immediately. A man named Con Costello, at great risk to his own life, swam to the spot where Hanrahan disappeared, but finding no trace of him made for the shore, which he regained with much difficulty. The horse was rescued by a number of fishermen in boats. The body has not yet been discovered.

**SHOOTING AFFRAY AT NEWPALLAS.**

A serious shooting affray is reported from Newpallas. It seems that on Tuesday last a dispute occurred between Morgan Power, a farmer, and a man named Timothy Flynn, of Newpallas, in reference to a bull which had got injured. Power blamed John Flynn, son of the man mentioned, for allowing the injury to occur, and the upshot of the matter was that Power is alleged to have fired two shots at Flynn, senior, two pellets entering his body. They were abstracted by a doctor and the man is progressing favourably. Power has not been arrested.

**SERIOUS AFFRAY NEAR NENAGH.**

A serious encounter has taken place between two men of the farming class, named John Bonfield and Patrick Slattery, belonging, respectively, to Gurtmore and Ballyliskey, as they were returning home from Nenagh on Tuesday night. It would seem that both parties were drinking rather freely in town during the day, and when they had gone about half a mile on their journey they got into a dispute, out of which arose a desperate struggle. Bonfield's

forward... Captain's back were too much for the others, at the finish they were mainly responsible the large score by which his side won by 2 g and 2 tries to 1 goal. Some very pretty bit passing took place between R Lynch, T O'Con King and Noonan, all of whom played to another in splendid style. Of the forwards M'Mahon was in good form. His running, tling and all round play were really tip top, ar he continues so, his name will be heard in l quarters this season. Egan and Kelly n some fine bursts but are not in proper condi yet and with a little more flesh off will be be than ever. Shine, Bourke, and Nash also pla a hard game and are much improving in t play. For the Captain's side, Crowe and Ly s, were the pick of the backs. Though t were 30 playing several of the best were abs amongst them being J O'Connor, J Egan, J I phy, and M Fitzgerald. The return match be played on Saturday next at 3.30 p m.

**HOCKEY.**

The County Limerick Club journeyed to Cleville this morning to try conclusions with local team. The chances of the Charleville were considered favourable, it having a weeks ago beaten a strong team of the Co Cork. The match took place in the demes Sandes Park, and after a most enjoyable Limerick left off victors by 5 goals to 3. goals for Limerick were made by Stokes (2 Egan, Blood-Smyth, and Matterson one. After the match the visitors were most hospi entertained by the home Club. The follo were the Limerick eleven:—Goal—R Fulls—J Goodbody, R Gelston. Halves— Hunt, J Egan, W Slade. Forwards—S Matt A Blood-Smyth, M Egan, E Stokes, J Oakes.

**COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS—THIS I**

Before Mr Greene Barry (in the chair W F O'Grady, and Mr B O'Donnell.

Edward Slattery was prosecuted by the Revenue Department for carrying a gun out a license.

Constable O'Sullivan gave evidence th saw the defendant carrying a gun on the la Mr Purcell on the 18th inst; witness ask to produce his license, and he said that left it at home, and on searching his ho (witness) could not find any license.

Mr Moran, solr, who appeared for the dant, said that his client was in the h taking out a license for the last ten years, was merely by a mistake he had not take license on this occasion.

Mr Comysi, of the Inland Revenue, wl secuted, said that the maximum penalty offence was £10, but under the circumstar did not press the case, and would only magistrates to inflict the minimum pen: £2 10s.

After some consideration the bench dec inflicting a penalty of £2 10s.

Mr Hetreed, D I, prosecuted John Mc "Kilmurry Hurler's," for having sold lic last Sunday to non-bona fide travellers.

Constable Price deposed that on last about half-past three o'clock, he visited dant's public house, and found t wo men drinking stout.

Mr Coffey, solr, who appeared for de argued that the men who were found premises represented themselves as t travellers, and his client supplied the liquor thinking they had come from I The house had a good character, and n tion had been entered against it.

Mr Hetreed said that under the circun he did not wish to press the case.

The magistrates decided on dismiss case.