

to those who differed from  
 asking to know what Lord  
 principles" are. Are they  
 so recently espoused  
 views which he so  
 as a Unionist some  
 his political views may  
 kely to carry much weight  
 Council. Then he says—  
 bring all parties to work  
 ith efficiency and with  
 aistration of the affairs of  
 ow that the freely elected  
 people are equal to the re-  
 been imposed upon them."  
 s during the election cam-  
 the direction of promoting  
 ies in the community. We  
 speech at Clarina a few  
 ter endeavouring to prove  
 was not a Nationalist  
 to express the hope "that  
 returned in the county of  
 District or County Council.  
 nist candidate, the more  
 the opposition to him. The  
 engaged in their old un-  
 g the farmers and labourers  
 sh other." Fortunately, his  
 disappointed, for despite  
 inciation, Unionists have  
 feel sure that none will be  
 te their services and their  
 county affairs than the  
 of the new Council. Utter-  
 oted do not indicate that  
 sound judgment which the  
 nty Council should reason-

terest and importance to  
 he "Parliamentary visit"  
 his has been arranged by  
 ssociation, which has sent  
 and members of Parlia-  
 onstituencies in Great  
 a be no doubt that a large  
 mselves of an exceptional  
 ring the scenery of the  
 s visit will have the result  
 r impetus to the Irish  
 h, fortunately, within the  
 progressing satisfactorily.  
 r companies are cordially  
 re Association in making  
 ure and enjoyment, and  
 certain to be received in  
 cordial manner for which  
 eristic. The programme of  
 rrange as follows, though

Ireland and to speak in Dublin, Limerick, Cork,  
 and Belfast in behalf of the Society on this  
 special occasion. His high character and his well  
 known powers as a speaker will be sure to attract  
 large audiences in each of the cities which he has  
 been requested by the R.T.S. to visit.

**THE SHANNON AND LOUGH DEEG, KILLALOE.—**  
 Fishing has much improved here since last re-  
 port, and there is every prospect of its continuing.  
 On the 14th inst. Mr. W. A. H. Martin got a  
 salmon of 11lbs on his preserves; on the 17th  
 he got one of 15lbs. Mr. R. H. Wilson (fishing  
 Major Tranter's preserves) got a salmon, 25lbs;  
 18th, he got one 28lbs—two beautiful bright fish  
 in perfect condition. T. J. Grimes got a salmon,  
 6lbs; on the 14th he got one, 13lbs. On the 15th  
 Dan Ellis got one, 13lbs, on the free water. Some  
 nice baskets of trout have been got during the  
 week.—COR.

### DEATH OF MR JAMES O'MARA, J.P.

We announce this evening with deep regret  
 the death of an old and most popular citizen, Mr  
 James O'Mara, J.P., who passed away this after-  
 noon at his residence, Thomas street, in the 82nd  
 year of his age. Mr O'Mara has been in failing  
 health for a considerable time past, and, there-  
 fore, his demise cannot be said to have been  
 unexpected, but nevertheless the sad news  
 has come upon all sections of the  
 community with extreme sorrow. Mr  
 O'Mara was head of the extensive bacon-curing  
 establishment of J. O'Mara and Sons, and was a  
 most successful and enterprising merchant, a  
 generous employer, and a kind and true friend to  
 all who sought his assistance. He has been for  
 very many years identified with public life,  
 especially as a member of the Corporation, where  
 his strict probity, his frank and genial nature  
 won for him the highest respect and esteem of  
 his colleagues. While adhering to his own  
 views, he always valued the opinions of those  
 opposed to him, and never in the heat of debate  
 was he known to give personal offence to anyone.  
 He represented the Dock Ward, and his resignation  
 with the termination of the old council was  
 received with deep regret. He served the office  
 of High Sheriff of the city in 1887, and was suc-  
 ceeded in that position in the following year by  
 his son, Alderman O'Mara. The deceased gen-  
 tleman was nominated for the Mayoralty some  
 years ago but declined the honour. While his  
 health permitted, he was a constant attendant at  
 the Limerick Board of Guardians, of  
 which he was a member. He was a magistrate of  
 the city and a Visiting Justice of the Male and  
 Female Prisons. In politics, Mr O'Mara was an  
 ardent Nationalist, and was most generous in his  
 support of that organization. By all classes  
 creeds, and politics he was deservedly respected,  
 and the passing away of an old and popular  
 citizen has aroused feelings of sincere sorrow  
 and sympathy with the deceased gentleman's  
 family. It is hardly necessary for us to say that  
 Mr O'Mara was father of Mr Joseph O'Mara, the  
 eminent operatic singer, whose brilliant career is  
 one in which his native city justly takes pride.

### "THE SKIRT DANCER."

On Monday, 24th, will be seen at the Theatre  
 Royal the enormously successful new Musical  
 Comedy "The Skirt Dancer," which has caused  
 such a *furor* in London and all the first-class  
 provincial towns yet visited. The Company is  
 an exceptionally strong one—40 in number—and  
 is the property of Mr Francis C Siller, a native  
 of Clon.

many respects a most remarkable man, and it  
 be said to be unique among the citizens of the  
 city. He possessed many rare qualities of  
 intellect, which might, under more favourable  
 circumstances, have led to eminence, if not had  
 he lived and died in the city of Limerick,  
 occupying much the same rank in life as he  
 been born in. Whether by unlucky  
 accident or some mental lack, though  
 could not say what that deficiency  
 might be, he missed distinction, but he  
 undoubtedly possessed many of those gifts which  
 have brought wealth and fame to men who  
 were far from being as richly endowed by nature  
 as Michael Hogan, or as he loved to  
 describe himself, The Bard of Thomond. Mr. Mich-  
 Hogan was born in Thomondgate, either in  
 early thirties or a little before in the  
 twenties. He always stated, however, that 1817  
 was the year of his birth. He came of a  
 humble parentage. His school days must have been  
 brief, for he was apprenticed to the turning trade  
 at the usual age. The days of the prosperity  
 that trade were passing away and Michael Hogan  
 was glad to get employment as a labourer in  
 one of the many mills of the Messrs. Russell.  
 In 1867 he published "The Lays of Thomond," which  
 may be said to have taken the literary world  
 by surprise. The *Athenaeum* in criticising the volume  
 declared that the author "displays a lively fancy  
 and a great vigour of description." The *Tribune*  
 with ungrudging praise said that "in half a dozen  
 songs and ballads one may detect the brilli-  
 ant frivolity of Moore, and what is  
 a healthier sign, the riotous humour  
 and wild imagination of Burns," adding that  
 "these traditions which have long had a national  
 and fugitive existence at the hearths of  
 Munster peasantry have come from Mr Hogan's  
 hands adorned with costly raiment." Nor  
 in the *Limerick Chronicle* of that date behind him  
 in acknowledging the abilities of the new  
 poet, for in a notice of the volume the opinion  
 was expressed that "there is a rich and  
 vein of humour, thoroughly Irish, running  
 through the pages of the Bard of Thomond's varied  
 work. He is a born poet, and his fame, we believe,  
 is destined to go far." Lady Wilde, in a letter  
 to the author, expressed her gratification at find-  
 ing "so much genius, added to much true patriot-  
 ism and believed, that whilst the past heroism  
 and pathetic legends of Ireland are cherished  
 with such fervour and feeling as flash through the  
 melody of Mr Hogan's verse, the national spirit  
 of her ancient chivalry shall never die."  
 There are many other laudatory criticisms in  
 the Press of the time, without any distinction  
 of politics or religion, which show the very favor-  
 able impression made by the appearance of  
 "Lays and Legends of Thomond" thirty-two years  
 ago. Unfortunately, the volume did not pro-  
 vide remuneration to the author for reasons  
 chargeable to him. Twelve years after his  
 advance in the market of letters," he complained  
 that he was "remorselessly fleeced by a print-  
 ing devil, who stormed his air castle, broke through  
 the entrenchments of Mount Helicon, sac-  
 rilegiously seized on the chattels of the sac-  
 red Nine, and drove him from the ramparts with  
 the honours of war." The work was to have  
 been brought out within three months of  
 the date of the engagement, but it  
 was two years before he was able to  
 even the unbound sheets, the pu-