

afternoon was largely attended, and programme highly appreciated:— (Dr Jos C. Bridge); Benedicteuskenzie); Solo, "Lea-ki dily light" rs F Cleeve; On a Bass (Sir J o, "It is enough") (Mendelssohn)— ; Andante, Sym. in E flat (Mozart); of Ages" (Bart)—Mrs W Barthe Cortega (Ghonorod). The final take place next Saturday afternoon, 3.15.

CRIMINALS IN THE CITY—Complaints have been made of petty larcenies from petty establishments in the city, and has engaged the attention of the magistrates. On Saturday night in arrested two girls named Sheridan from William's Lane, aged respectively 15 and 16, on the charge of being concerned in larcenies that had taken place. They were taken before Mr Clinne, J P, and owing to their being discharged to be summoned again. Head Constable Fitzgerald, effected another arrest, and the police are actively engaged in purrying.

CONTEST.—There was only one contest in Limerick Union this year, the two other divisions who had intire intention to contest seats having fallen from the field. Mr H J Guinane held the votes yesterday at the Workhouse Ballyvara division, where Mr Lane, who has been for years a member of the Board, was opposed by Mr Ryan, Raheen. The result was—Ryan 136, Lane 125; majority, 11. A Doyle, solr, appeared for Mr Ryan, and J. Nash, solr, for Mr Lane. A vote of the Returning Officer concluded the contest. The election of Chairman, Vice Chairman of the Board, will take place to-morrow week.

STRANGE CASE OF SUICIDE AT CLARE
An inquest was held by Mr Coroner O'Grady, into the circumstances connected with the death of a man named Wm Devitt, who had died under extraordinary circumstances from a fall from a Workhouse ambulance some weeks ago. It was conjectured that the man had committed suicide by jumping from the bridge, but nothing had been heard of him until his body was found some days ago floating in the water near the Clare Castle. The evidence given by the driver of the van and the inmate nurse who had seen him was to the effect that they were taking the deceased as an hospital patient to his home. They stopped at a public house where he had a drink of water, and in the meantime the patient disappeared. Every effort was made to find him, but without success. Dr John Ennis, gave evidence that death was due to drowning. The jury returned a verdict ac-

WOMEN'S DWELLINGS SCHEME.

ARBITRATOR'S AWARD.
The award of the Arbitrator, Mr Ryan, in connection with the property in John and Nicholas street areas, which is about 1000 sq yds, and is being purchased by the Corporation for the building of women's dwellings, has been received by Mr Ryan, Law Adviser to the Corporation. The value of the John street area is £2,284

when at the Passage Docks the keel of a new vessel for the Government service was laid. In 1896 Sir John Arnott purchased the estate of the Duke of Devonshire near Bandon, and since has established upon it a stud farm for the benefit of his tenants, to whom there has thus been left a large legacy of prosperity. Sir John Arnott was created a baronet on New Year's Day, 1896. He was first married in 1852 to the daughter of John James M'Kinley, Esq, of Stirling, Writer to the Signet, her death taking place in 1866; and secondly, in 1872, to Emily Jane, third daughter of the Rev Loftus Fitzgerald, Rector of Ardagh, County Cork. Sir John's eldest son and successor in the baronetcy is John Alexander Arnott, born in 1853, of Severnleigh, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, Lieutenant-Colonel of the 4th Battalion Cheshire Regiment, who married, in 1881, Caroline Sydney, eldest daughter of Sir Frederick M Williams, Bart, of Tregullow, Cornwall.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE O'GRADY, J P, KILBALLYOWEN.

The funeral of this lamented gentleman took place on Thursday, leaving Kilballyowen at noon for the family burial place at Knockaney. The cortege was very large and representative, and testified to the universal regret which is felt at the premature demise of a highly esteemed member of an historic Irish house.

On arrival at the church door, the remains were received by the Rector the Rev Canon Hemphill, who read the burial service. The coffin was of very handsome panell'd oak, with heavy brass mountings. The inscription on the lid of the coffin was as follows:—Thomas de Courcy O'Grady. Died 1st March, 1898, aged 55 years. The chief mourners were—Captain Standish O'Grady (uncle), Captain Gerald Burke (cousin), Major Richard Doyne (brother-in-law); Mr William O'Grady, brother, was unable to attend through illness, and Colonel John de Courcy O'Grady, another brother, is in India, with his regiment.

Amongst those present were:—Lord Fermoy, Mr Thomas Franks, J P; Mr Jeremiah Shanahan, Mr James Shine, J P; Mr Arthur White, Mr Charles Wilmot Smith, J P; Rev Canon Hemphill, Rev John R Mills, Mr John V Bevan, J P; Capt. George S Gubbins, Mr John Cooper Chadwick, Mr John McLoughlin, Dr P J McNamara, J P; Mr John R Sharpe, D I; Mr George Bennett, Mr G W Bennett, Mr A C Hinchey, C P S; Mr Michael P O'Shaughnessy, Mr James Butler, Mr Daniel McDonnell, Mr Edward Fizzell, Mr John O'Grady, Mr Thomas Fitzgerald, etc.

The coffin was covered with wreaths of beautiful spring flowers, sent by Lord and Lady Fermoy, the Hon. Miss Roche, Mrs Cooper Chadwick, Mr A C Hinchey, and The O'Grady household.

Carriages were sent by Lord Fermoy, Mr Richard Bayly, J P; Mrs Webb, Knockoran House; Mrs Carey O'Grady, and Mr J O'G Delmege, D L.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs P McCarthy and Sons, Limerick.

CATHOLIC LITERARY INSTITUTE.

The report of the Catholic Literary Institute to be presented at a general meeting of the members to-morrow evening states:—

As many as 58 new members were enrolled, and the total number on the Registry on December 31st, 1897 was 268. Although an improvement has taken place in this regard compared with 1896, the number of members is still far below what might reasonably be expected in a

new system applied to the bench is composed of a certain settings or beds, in which the manufacture of gas is carried on, form of setting, the combustion almost entirely in the furnace, and the air supply for this purpose is admitted through the grate bars, the heating of the retorts by contact with the production as they escape from the furnace to the difficult of regulating supply, it is necessary to allow a considerable excess, with the gas in passing through the furnace it carries a considerable quantity of heat which is lost by the chimney and so lost. The corresponding waste of fuel, by this system this waste is stopped by the fact that the quantity of air required for the furnace can be regulated to the exact amount necessary. Thus an important economy is effected.

The new Retort bench, which will produce all the gas required for the retorts, and is in the Regent Street, the principle of which is this—the amount of air admitted below the retorts is partial combustion takes place in the furnace, and the action is in a special combustion chamber, immediately above the retorts, where the fuel meets a supply of air which has been heated by the products of combustion as they pass down the chimney. By this utilization, or what is called, of the waste heat, a great economy of heat and consequent saving of fuel is effected. The retorts are not heated by the heat of the furnace, as in the old system, the producer gas from the retorts and retorts were on one floor; the retorts are charged from a platform 8 feet below this level, where the clink-ring is done, the bench, although not containing the retorts as the old one, produces a saving of 650,000 ft³ of gas against 540,000 and it takes up 1,110 square feet, as against 1,500 of the old bench, this is a great advantage there will be a saving in the wear and tear of plant and retorts were put on the trial bench, and when the system is in full operation the old bench will be removed and cleared thereby will be a great saving of space. A considerable saving of space is effected by raising the walls of the Retort case and ceiling from 21ft 4 to 20ft, taking the height from the ground line to the top of the roof itself is 16 feet high. The new bench is entirely re-built so far as the retorts are concerned. It is in cut stone (obtained from local quarries) with rock face in a central position is a slab of the committee—"Michael Curran, P. Riordan, A. L. Bannatyne, D L, William Spillane, D L, Manager, P J M Gough, contractor, 1897." The highest credit on Mr Gough's part is a Limerick man and contractor. The late Mr Spillane's interest in the works, and his present manager, Mr P Riordan, have the most assiduous attention, and have been completed, it is a pleasure to the manager, and to all concerned in the Gas Works in such an important must not omit to mention that it now stands, gives much larger than hitherto existed. This is effected by taking in a passage at the premises, and also by pulling