

er up. It is not probable that there will be any stirring news from South Africa for some time, as Lord Roberts is going to Cape Town and it is expected that he will remain there for about a month. During his absence, operations will be pushed forward, so as to get supplies and ammunition accumulated at Komfontein for the long march to Pretoria which will then commence.

The annual meeting of the Limerick Protestant Young Men's Association was, as reported in our fourth page, held on Tuesday evening, and the large and representative attendance of members showed that their interest in this excellent institution continues unabated. The report of the Committee was very satisfactory and encouraging in nature, and one has only to glance through it in order to recognize the valuable work the Association are doing in all its branches, and the great benefit it confers on its members for a very moderate subscription. Some reference was made during the proceedings to a small decrease in the membership, but considering the falling off is represented by the figure on, it was scarcely a matter worth notice, except in so far that it may have the effect of exciting an increased interest in the Association, and encouraging the members to induce their friends to join the roll. We hope it will be that result. As it is the roll of members stands at 368—a very creditable record, but there is no reason why, with a little "gentle pressure," this number should not be largely increased, and we have every hope that when the report for the current year is presented, considerable progress in this direction will be found to have been effected. All the departments of the Association are in a healthy and vigorous condition. We are very glad to notice that the Literary Class—one of the most entertaining and useful departments reports a most prosperous session, as our readers have already gathered from the weekly notices which appeared in these columns. A number of the junior members have come to the front and exhibited debating powers of a very high order, and the very constructive subjects which were discussed attracted a large attendance, and the interest in the Class was well maintained to the closing of the evening last week. It is surprising that, as in previous reports, complaint has had to be made of the lack of support given by the members of the Association to the Cricket and Tennis matters. Matters became so gloomy that it was decided in March, 1899, not to re-open the

april good.

DEPUTY LIEUTENANCY.

The Earl of Kenmare, K P, Lieutenant of Kerry, has, with the approval of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, appointed Lord Ardilaun, of Muckross, Killarney, to be Deputy Lieutenant of the County, in the room of Sir John Godfrey, Bart, deceased.

Sir Charles B Barrington, Bart, Glenstal, County of Limerick, has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Limerick, his commission bearing date 27th December, 1894.

THE ROYAL VISIT.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT.

The Luncheon Committee met at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr Crossley reported that he had received the kind offer from Mr Cleave, High Sheriff of Limerick, of a large supply of milk and butter, and Miss Sexton reported that Mr McCluskey had kindly offered 750 oranges, both of which offers the committee accepted with pleasure.

DEATH OF MR T COONEY.

The announcement of the death of this well-known sportsman will, we are sure, be received by our readers with universal regret. The deceased had a very varied career, first as sub-manager of the gas works, then car proprietor, mail car contractor, and travelling circus proprietor. He was, however, best known as a hunting man, and his exploits in the field and at the jumping competitions will long be remembered by old and young on account of the daring acts performed by "Thady." He was a man absolutely devoid of fear, and many of the old country people can relate tales of his doings which the younger generation of "Nimrod" would scarcely credit. His resemblance to a well-known nobleman, too, has often been commented upon. Many amusing anecdotes are current in connection with this circumstance, and "Thady's" jovial spirit delighted in keeping up the illusion. Mr Cooney was not unknown to the world of fashion. He was a frequent and well-known visitor at more than one London mansion, where his fine physique, native wit, and jovial nature, enabled him to fully sustain his title of "Master of the Hounds." He was an old and valued Post Office servant, having held the contract for the city and Killaloe mail car service for over a quarter of a century. His resourceful energy and skill in the management of horses were of high value in this branch of the public service, and his place will be one not easy to fill. In rain, snow, or storm "Thady" was up to time, and ready for the occasion. Mr Cooney had been in failing health for some time past, but up till very lately his recovery was hoped for. He leaves a widow and three young children, and a grown up son, Mr Tom Cooney, who, we understand, will continue to carry on the business on Mrs Cooney's behalf. The funeral will take place to-morrow, at 2 p.m., for Mount St Lawrence Cemetery.

ALLEGED HOMICIDE NEAR MURROE.

Three men named John Mackey, Cornelius Mackey, and Daniel Mackey, who were arrested and remanded in connection with the alleged homicide of a man named Quigley at a recent fair held in Doon, were conveyed to Limerick yesterday, and brought before Mr Hickson, E M, for the purpose of being discharged. It appears that the deceased died from the effects of a blow of a stone, but there was no evidence to connect the defendants with the offence.

power in the said Bill less than the safeguards afforded by the Acts, and

"2. As to the propriety of a common form clause (No. 2 Bill), and No. 33 in the Model Bill, and No. 33 in the Model Bill, providing for further State railways in Ireland."

THE RELATIVE PAY OF LIMERICK POSTMEN.

In the House of Commons, O'Brien asked the Secretary representing the Postmaster, although the scales of pay at Cork Post Offices were the same as men are now on a higher price in Limerick; and what are the grounds for this difference, against which the men have unsuccessfully petitioned.

The Attorney-General—Answered the question in August last, that a higher rate of wages at Cork Post Offices, of the same size and importance as those with Limerick are considered more equitable than the present payment of the Cork postmen on

THE MUNSTER FAIR.

FIRST DAY.

The March Munster Fair was opened to-day, the object being to provide a market for spring cattle, as the importance is held at this season, which took place over the week-end. The fair is organized as a two-day festival, the usual being for horses, but to-day was of very small proportions, animals sent in were of the local dealers picked up some for cab and army purposes. A brisk demand for army horses, the death in animals of this kind, that an important horse fair at the end of April, also contrived to do a considerable amount of business that day. The number of horses paying small.

THE BACON TRADE.—The to-day were, bacon pigs 48s 45.

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

At the fifty-ninth annual meeting, it was reported that for the year 790 New Policies had been issued for the sum of £504,331, of which £19,120, less £7,306 for re-insurance, was re-assured with other offices. (including £1,002 single payments) Premium Income had been £19,120, less £7,306 for re-insurance, interest on investments £1,002, caused by 163 deaths amounting to £153,177, included Endowments had matured £3,063. The accumulated investment Reserve Fund, £22,414,90 December, 1899, to £22,414,90 existing Assurances were £6,821.

THE COUNTY WATERBURY.

In the case of Patrick D under sentence of death in W Lord Lieutenant, after a motion of all the circumstances, charge of a municipal duty, dec