

THE YEAR'S ROUND.

Another round is done. Another year is run. Since then from me dust turn the face away...

THE DECAY OF IRELAND.

County Carlow Considered as an Example - The Carlow Census

(Dublin Freeman's Journal) The first detailed census of an Irish county issued by the Commissioners is the census of the County of Carlow. It is worth a close study by every person interested in the problems of Irish population.

Such statistics are not forthcoming from any other country in the civilized world at the present day. The Carlow marriage-rate would, in any other country of Western Europe or any State of America, be regarded as the critical symptom of a decadent condition.

The decrease in illiteracy is the only statistical fact upon which Carlow can be congratulated. It is the only evil of their condition for which the people have the means to provide a remedy.

and 15 girls are illiterate, or 1.5 per cent. That we take to be the percentage of the future on the basis of the school work being done under the management of the "obscurest" clerical managers of County Carlow.

Democracy and Education

A reprint of the address of Mr. John Millar B. A., Deputy-Minister of Education, delivered before the Dominion Educational Association in August on "The Educational Demands of Democracy" makes an interesting and useful pamphlet.

Holy Innocents

Only three days after Christmas the Church calls us to keep the Feast of the Holy Innocents. In olden times this day was called "Childermas" and is to honor the memory of those dear little children who were snatched from their mothers' arms by the command of wicked King Herod.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

THE NEW YEAR

All hail to the New Year Adieu to the Old The past and the future The dross and the gold.

A SICK CALL.

Father John closed the door of his study and sank into a chair before the fire. It had been a hard day with him, and he was weary, body and soul.

The prayers the little children say. No tolling angel brings, They pass right thro' the shining ray.

N. TEMISCAMING SENDS A STORY

A Sturdy Farmer Stricken With Rheumatism is Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

This man was so bad that he was almost paralyzed. A wonderful case and a very happy cure by this excellent remedy.

THE OLDEST DOLL.

"She's so old!" Comfort said a little crossly. "An' so 'lapidated all over!"

THERE HAS BEEN MUCH TALK

about Pny-Balsam, the greatest modern remedy for coughs and colds. It cures quickly and certainly.

she had such smooth, shiny brown hair) smiled. She took dilapidated little Diana-of-the-Pheasians Smith into her arms and rocked her as if she had been a baby.

"Why, auntie, why!" "Dearie me!" murmured the curly auntie.

"The big boy whistled. "Hus see - is her little mamma 'live to see to her' comfort queried in rather an awed tone.

"Oh," breathed Comfort, very softly. She reached out for Diana-of-the-Pheasians and clasped her in her arms.

"The princess' dolly is made of wood rudely cut out. It is little and homely, but the little princess loved it."

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The cause of Mr. Johnston's happiness is his somewhat sudden and very remarkable recovery from the most severe case of Rheumatism ever seen in this county.

A NAGGING COUGH drives sleep and comfort away. You can conquer it with Allen's Lung Balm, which relieves hard breathing, pain in the chest and irritation of the throat.

A Scotch lawyer was well-reproved when, seated by a lady fully aware of her own plain looks, having bowed to his hostess in giving the toast, "Honest men and bonnie lassies," she rejoined, raising her eyes to his.

Talks With Young Men

MARCONI.

(From The New York Sun.) Prospero's Ariel, in our Shakespeare's phrase, in forty minutes round about the earth.

TALENT AND CHARACTER.

Talent helps a man to obtain success, but it is character which secures it for him. A man will succeed with character and very little talent, and will never succeed without character, whatever talent he may have at his disposal.

ATHLETICS HAVE GOOD POINTS.

Are not our violent games a vestige of barbarism? It is not purely for the sake of football, for instance, that many a youth seeks the classic monotony of college?

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