

OUR IRISH LETTER.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE CATHOLIC REGISTER.

DUBLIN, Jan. 20.—As the opening of Parliament approaches, interest in the election of Chairman of the Irish Party waxes lively.

The exhibition of pictures and sketches of Irish scenery, by Mr. Alexander Williams, R.H.A., was the social event of the week.

We went to see Rousby's Opera Company in "The Daughter of the Regiment." I do not care for Miss Minnie Leverette as Marie.

A LIPSA SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson, Cameron, states: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs, and was given up by the physicians."

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view. The hum of life in a linen factory, the whirr of machinery in ship building yards is music enough for them.

We have had an epidemic of poetry for the last month. What with Jameson's raid, the wreck in Dublin bay, death of Prince Henry, &c., there has been no lack of thomes, but inspiration seems to have deserted these islands.

The Recorder of Dublin is a very conscientious man. He is a Mr. Falkner of Mount Falcon, near Berrisokane. Off the bench he is one of the most prominent advocates of total abstinence in Ireland.

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When the men come to Dublin they vote the metropolitan "wretchedly slow." They take their standard of "lively" from a business point of view.

British America Assurance Com'y 62nd ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the British America Assurance Company was held at its head office, in Toronto, on Thursday the 13th inst.

The directors' report showed that there had been a moderate gain in premium income in the first branch over 1895, without any corresponding increase in losses, so that a very satisfactory profit was shown on the year's transactions.

Table with financial data: Premium receipts \$1,266,803.90, Interest account \$44,614.54, Total income \$1,311,418.44, Losses incurred \$ 981,073.13, Expenses including commissions, taxes and all other charges \$161,567.37, etc.

The Secretary having read the directors' and auditors' reports, the President said: "I am pleased to avail myself of this opportunity to supplement the necessarily brief remarks contained in the report by a few words relative to what appear to me as the most noteworthy features of the business of the past year."

First, let me say in regard to the largest and most important department of the company, the fire branch, that it is seldom that companies in Canada have been called upon to face a more propitious opening to a year's business than that of the one under review.

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