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NEW YORK＇S
IRISH FIRE LADDIES Mr．Jacoob A．Risie，a well known

 striklog foaturo is that all or mr．Riie
heroos in tho New York fire brigade are Iribhniten ；but that is beoause
Irishmon in a remarkable degroe pos
 the work of
His life ir too full of roal pori1 for
him to exposo it reeklesaly $\mathrm{that}{ }_{18}$
 to an alarm until he roturns，he takes
a riel that may at any noment set him face to face with
cruol form．He need nothing so
much as $a$ olear head；and nothing 18 prized so highly，nothing puts him so
burely in the line of promotion；for as he advanoes in rank and responsi－
biitity，the lives of others，as well as
his own，oome to dopend on hla udg－ ment．The act of conspicuous daring
whicid the world applaudo is oftenest to the fireman a matte：of simple
duty that had to be done in that way because there was no other．Nor is
it always，or even ueually，the hardost duty，as he gees it．It came easy to
him bocause he is an athlete trained to do suoh things，and becanse onge for
all it is easier to risk onés life in the open，in the sight of one＇s feilows，
than to face doath alono，oaught like a rat in a trap．Ttat is the rasl paril
which he knows too well ；but of that the public hears only when
fought bis lagit fight and lost．
How ilteraliy our cvery．day of
of which we think，if we think of it
at all，as a mere matter of course－is
built upon the supreme sacruioe of built upon the supreme sacrifice of
these devoted men，We realize at long as the one in which Uhief Breenan as Foreman Rooney lost their lives to deat years ago．They were orughed
to death under gient watertank in
Twenty－fourth gtreet factory that a Twenty－foarth gtreet factory been
was on fire．Itg supports had been
burned away．An exanination that Fas then made of the water－tanks in
the oity discovered eight thouand the oity diecovered enolg unsupported，
that Fere either wholly
exoept by the roofbeams，or propped on timbers，and theref fremen when menace，not only to the firemen whan
they were oalled there，but aily to
those living under them．It is not pleasant to add that the departmenti
ungt demaud for a law that should ompel landiords either to baild tanks ou the wall or on
not beon beeded yet
happily，an old stor
Seventeen years ago the oollapge on
a Brosd way building during a fire con Tinced the community that atone pil－
lars wore unasfe as eupports．The fire was in the basement，and the Gire－ the water struck the hot granite the building foll with them．There mere upon the orew of Truck Company No．1，olopping holes for amoke－קent
The majority clung to the parapet，and
hung there till rescued．Tmo hung there till rescued．Who that tames shot up twenty feet when the
ruof broke．One，Fireman Tromas $I$ Dougherty，was a wearer of the Bea
nett madal，too．His foreman answer on parade－day，When his name is oail ed that he＂died on the field of
duty，These，at all evente，did not
die in vain．Stone column are not now used
New York．
prilis of the firemen as so many steps reat of us．It was the burning of the reat of we．Klate，nnd more recently
Bt．George
of the Manhattan Bank，in which a dozen men were disabled，that stamp－ as faulty and large＇delusive．One might even go further，and any that the freman＇s riak inoreases in the
ratio cf our progress or oonvenience．
The water－tanks oame with the very hige wattor－tanks baine whing whinh themselves
offer problems to the fire－fighters that offer problems to the fire－ighters ceat
have not jet been solved．The very
irshalta that were halled as the frret
 work and risk，as well as to the riak of every one dwelling under their roois
by acting ans many huge chimnegs
that carrted the fire to the open win． ant carrited the fite to the open win
dowa opening upon them in overy
story．More than half of all the free
in Now York ocour in tenement－ in Now York ocour in tenament－
houseg．When the Tenement－Hoane
Oommision of that gas in this oity．

 nan，Whose death ocourred oily a fow
Zang atter he had teatified as a vit
ness．The recommendations apon
 generil ténementhouse lat．
Frremen are athietes as a matter of
course．They have to be，or they





 ow whoun climbing at dizay heighto，or
doing tbe hundrod and one things of
peril to nrdinary men whioh firemen doing the hundrod and one things on
peril to rdinary men whioh firemen
are contantly callhd upon to do，causes ointees are elimanated by the ladde．
eott，and never got beyond their pro－ nerve．＂generally．The first oxper－
enco of a room full of smothering
mot smoke，with the fire roaring overhend，
is generaliy bufivent to convinee the
imad that the service is not for him． timid that the service 18 not for him．
No cowards are dismissed from tho
department，for the reason that none The notion that there is a life saving corps apart from the general They ard on e．Every froman now drill，must chmb to the top of any
buildng on his saaling ladder，slde
down with a resoued vithout hestation from the third story nto the lifo－net gpread below．By
uch training the men are fitted for their work，and the occasion comee it came to Daniel $J$ ．Neagher，
oreman of Hook and Ladder Oompany No．8，when，in the midnight hour，${ }^{\text {a }}$ dow of a burning building，and the
longe longeet ladder at hand fell short ten
or a dozen feet of reaobing her．The boldest man in the orew had vainly
sttempted to reach her，and in the sttempted to reach her，and in the
effort had sprained his foot．Ther ordered the rest to plant the ladaer on
the stoop and hold $1 t$ out from the building os that he might reach the very topmost etep．Balanced tha
where the lightest tremor might have oansed ladder and all to orash to the
ground，he bade the woman drop，and receiving her in his arms，carried
down safe．
prabizes count in tabir slegre
How firemon manage to henr in
their gleep tte right signal，while they
gleep right through any number that Bleep right through any number that
conoerno the next oompany，not them is one of the mysteries that will pro
bably always remain unsolved．
dont know，gaid Dapartment Chi Bonner when I asked him onee．＂
guess it is the asme way with guegs it is the game way with every－
body．You hear what you have to
hear．There is a gong right over my bed at home，and I I hear overy stroke
of 1 t，but I don＇t hear wife hears the baby if it an muoh as
gitirs in the orib，but not the gong．＇
or the stirs in the orib，but not the gong．＂
Very likely he if sight．The fat that
the fireman oan hear and count cor－ reotly the strokes of the gong in his
gleep has meant life to many hundreds
 in the eariy moments of a ire that it
oan be dealt with eummarily．Ir recall
one inatanoe in which the failure to one instanoe in which the failure to
interprot a Bignal properly，or the ac－
ident of taking a wrong road to the fire，oost a life，and，alingularly enough，
that of the wife of one of the firemen tho angwored the alarm．It was all
80 p ithful，
Io tragio that it hag left an so pitifful，so tragio，that it has left an
indelitho impresion on my mind．It
Was the fire at whiah Patrick F．．unone
 jaws of death Tha alarm－signal rang in
senement．
the hook－and－lader oompany＇s quar－ thers in North Moore street，but was
eithor mirunderstood or they made a
wrong gtart．Instead of turning wrong
east
track
gallo galloping toward Groenwioh street．
It was ony as fow seonas，the tim
that was logt，but it was enough Freman Murphy＇heart went up in
his throat when，from his sent on the his throant when，from his sent on the
truck as it flew toward the fire，he saw that it was his own home that wa
burning．Up on the fifth foor he
found his wite penned in．Soe died
in his arme ag he ourried her to th in has arme as he ourried
fire－ebape The fire for
won in the race for a life． In the ohiet＇g quarters．of the Four
teenth Batialion apin Wakefield ther sits to－day a man，atill young in yeare，
who in his maimed body but unbroker spirit beare auch testimony to the
quality of Now York＇s fire－fightera a The brave Bresnan and his oomred
dia in theirdeath．Thomas J．Ahearin
led his oompany as oaptain to a fire in

TIE IMISI UNIFERSITY qUESTION
The Arohbishop of Dublin sends the

## ＂Ho is not doad，＂he said．＂I om oong o get that man out＂And he oropt down the lane of fro，unmindfal

 of the hidden dangers，seoing only theman mo wan porighing．The flames coorched him；they blooked hio way；
buthe amine through alive，and brought out his man，so tha hospital that day．
that he died in tho Board of Fire Ooumisiononer
The Boand
gave Ahearn the medal for bravery
and mado him Ohiif．Within a year
he all but lost his life in a gallant
hat ho all but lost his life in a gallant
attempt to gave the life of a olinid that wae supposed to bo pemned in a burn．
ing Rivington Stree．tonemont．ohisf
Ahearn＇s quarters were near by，and Ahearn＇s quarters were near by，and
he was Arrst on the ground．A denorat
man confronted him in the halway

tollowing letter to the prose
 to mo to call for a getatem－nt on the
gubject from gome one fully cognizant subject from some one fully cognizant

of the real attitude of the BiJhops upon | the point in question． |
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| But in the forfront of any such |

Mr．James Anderson，of Guelph，
analiarly known as the Laird of Fus
 very lighly．It is a bronze med ane
phich was presented to his father the
ate John Anderson，by His Holiness
 wero a fallure ；nevertheless several
hundred farm laborers orossed over
from lreiand，as usual，to obtain work harvesting in Sootland．As there was
no work for them to dhey were in a
desporate plight．Mr．Andersor 3ared for them，supplying them with food
and shelter for some week，and finally

## obartered a so buak to Ireland． and

The facts of the case wore repre－
sented to Pope Leo XII，and he ap－
preelated the kindnesg to his Catholio preciated the
children ao highly that he sent the
medal and a letter to Mr．Anderson． medal and a letter to Mr．Adderson．
The medal has a beautiful medallion of Pope Loo in has pontifical robes．
The trauglation of the Latin insorip－ tion on the medal is：＂Presinted to
John Anderson， $\mathrm{E}=\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{by}$ His Holiness
Leo XII．for kindnees to his Catholio 18

St．Peter＇s Charity Concort．
The League of the Oross of 8t． concert on Wednesdey evening，Jan．
26，in Douglae＇s Hall，the proceeds of which were in ald of the St．Vip
cent de Paul Society．The prinoipal feature of the evening was an address
by the Rev．Engene Sheehy of Limerick．The Rev．Speaker said he as the zabjeot of his address，but seeing
that the concert was under the sua piess of a Temperanoe society and
the proceeda int hended for the relie
of the poor，he thought that
few remarks on the temperanoe ques of the poor，he thought that
ffow remarks on the temporanoe ques
tion wouid not be amise，no he aid great amount of poverty was canse
by the curse of intemperance，and $h e$
was giad that，is this instance the $r e$ was glad that，is this instance the $r e$
verse was the case，as the temperano people were helping the St，Vincen
de Paul Society to asist the poor． During the oourse of his short and
instructive addrese the speaker，in his
el eloguent and humorous style，rolated
everal Instances from the life or
Father Matthew，and he had th large audience in a good natured spiri
all the way through，as wa oviden
from the oft reagted applange and from the oft repeated applanese an
laughter which his remarks evoked．
He also refuted the idea that pre He also refated the idea that pre
vails among a large portion of the
people on this lide of the Atlantic，
that Irighmen are in a great meanare
 smid was ane in a great meagare
the stagg Iribhman who is genernlly re
preseated as one with a oudgel in on
 deecendants，he furthor stid，to pat as
stop to this by discountenanoing all
suah auta on the part of anyone． conoert that is worthy of mention is，
that on Tuesday evening Fathor
Sheehy found that he would be oblig． Sheehy found that he would be oblig．
ed to go to Hamilton on Wednesday sontiod to take his place in the erening．
As the concert progressed and the time As the ooncert progressed and the hme
for the address was drawing nigh，Fat－
her Sheehy entered the hall，he having
 on his part is worthy of all praine a
proves him to be a real type of then

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Catholic grievance is too plam to be Catholio grievance is too plain to ba
ignored． 8 lolong as the atmosphere
is what it is，in the Univereity of is Fuat it is，in the Univerity of
Dublin and in Trinity College．it
is impogible to is imposibib to gay that Catholiog
ought to be content．Nor oan it be
falrly urged that the Royal University －adequate－ ly supplies the place of a teaohing
University．I aay the grievance here is undoubted．It ought to be dealt With in a liberal and fair spirit．＂Al
this was writen by Mr．T．W．Russell so far baok as February， 1

A London cablo says：The Irish
mambers will be much in evidence dar． ing the coming Beesion，ths Govern
monts local goorument and Catholio
University bills affording them a groat batteground．In regard to the thater
meanure，the Dillonitos，Redmondites
and Healyites have united for con notion，ana，with the excoption of
Megrs．Carson，Lecky and T．W．Rus．
soll，all the Irigh Unionigts． 1 MIISMPRPS SOORTM Rev．F．Elliott，of Richmond Hill，


Ricusond HuLL，Feb．7．－Ror．F．
Elliott，R popular and prominent olergy


 nusolicited．
＂I suffered so soveroly from Lame
Back that I conald not turn，nor
of bed out
on began using Dodd＇s Ridney
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