Latest Mails from England, Ireland and Scotland.

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Mr. James Ross, J.F.. a highly-respected Catholic citizen, deed last week a bis late residence. Chifonwille, Antrim road, Belfast. The doceased gentleman, who had attained the advanced age of eighty-one was born near Bolfast. At one of the Irish Barty of the Irish Catholice of Belfast to condemn the Catholice of Belfast to condemn the action of the late Judge Keogh in connection with his notorious judgment in the Galway election petition, the chair was taken on the occasion by Mr. Ross. At the time of the riots of the Ostholice of Belfast to condemn the Catholice of Belfast to condemn the Catholice of Belfast to condemn the holic was taken on the occasion by Mr. Ross. At the time of the riots of the Galmay election petition, the chair was taken on the occasion by Mr. Ross. At the time of the riots of the Ostholice body before the Riota Commission presided over by Judge Day.

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Uardinal Logue in his Lenten paetoral denounces immoral literature. The document contains the following interesting paragraph: "I have learned with extreme pain, that the promoters of secret societies have renewed their efforts, in some parts of the Archdiocese, to regain a hold on some foolish and unwary members of the community. Probably these designing men believe they have found their opportunity is the political confusion which now unhappily reigns in the country. This is a matter which should engage the most earnest attention of the clergy. They should, in season and out of season warn the members of their flocks against the deceifful arts of those educers. They should keep these continually reminded that whoever attaches himself to one of those unlawful societies is, by the very fact, placed under the ban of the Church, The Pope for the entire Church and individual bishops within the limits of their jurisdiction have denounced the penalty of excommunication against all who become members of those condenand societies. Apart from the spiritual penalties which membership of such societies entails and the spirital penalties which membership of such societies entails and the spirital penalties which membership of such societies in the promoters of secret accieties. Over and over again it has become public in the law courts and elsewhere that there is seldom a branch of these societies which has not a spy among its membors. Worse still, there very spies are often the promoters of such societies, invegling young men into their toils for the purpose of making profit by their betrayal. Such degraded wretches trample upon the sanctity may reckon on becoming sooner relate the victim of some of those hired tempters."

The Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, Blehop of Derry, in his Pastoral for the precent season of Lent, lays stress upon the ovils arising from sceret scenetics. His lordship says:—'An other evil against which we warned you on a former occasion we feel it mecessary to varn you against once more, that is the evil of sceret scenetics. In every troubled period of our history and in every political criejs, where divisions existed, these sceitics under different names were sure to spring into being. Taking advantage, of the unsuspecting ardour of the young, dazling them with visions of patriotism and independence, the organisers of these societies—men, who, as the police office reports and the newspapers show, are generally in the pay of the civernment, or who are repeated at any moment to sell their dupes—lead our young men from the path of duty, and deter them from approaching the Sacramants, which are the safeguards of virtue. Speaking on this subject the Fathers of the Nation al Spinod uttered words of solemn warning, which the young men of today would do well to take seriously to heart. Avoid all secret societies, said they, all illegal combinations, so severely condemned by the Church. Such associations afford, indeed, a fitting shelter to infidels and revolution, its wherein to hide from the light of day their foul conspiracies against religion and society; but they have never yet formed a true champion of justice or or liberty. Their efforts have ever been cursed with sterility. The cele result secret organisations have anywhere achieved has been the uprooting of the Faith, the degradation of the national spirit, and the establishment of a tyranny, dark, treacherous, and irresponsible."

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Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, in his Lenten pastoral says: "It is most gratifying that the Gaelic League is making steady progress in this diocese. By a natural union the priests and the teachers, in a special manner, have combined to urge the movement forward; and it is to be hoped that the celebration of St. Columba's Centenary at Gartan on the 9th of June will give a position of commanding strength. If we want a model for practising total abstinence, who better for us than Columba? If we seek a patron for the Gaelic movement in Donegal, who so suitable to be named as he who was in his day the protector of the bards and of the learned men of Erip? For Temperance League and for Gaelic League salke his is a name to invoke in Donegal, and wherever a Gaelic centre is established, please God the members of it will make sure that its influence will be disturctly in favour of the temperance cause, which is so closely bound up with the best interests of the people St. Columba loved so well. On the occasion of celebrating the 18th centenary of our great county saint at Gartan it is intended that the event shall be marked by the delivery of several addresses in the Irish language and by the presence of the total abstimence societies of the surrounding parishes at the High Mass and the other functions of the centennial cele bration. Later on the faithful throughout the diocess will receive timely in this Invente negative such as the power of the contennial cele bration. Later on the faithful throughout the increase will receive timely in his Invente negative such as the protections of the centennial cele cause which is highly and the other functions of the centennial cele cause which is highly and the other functions of the centennial cele cause which is highly and the other functions of the centennial cele cause which is a cause of the contennial cele cause which is a cause of the contennial cele cause when

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The Very Rev. Michael Moriarty, Dean of Rochdale has been accidentally killed at Nice. The deceased gen therasa was native of Grange, Bruff, county Limerick, and was aged about of years. He was brother to Dr. Moriarty, solicitor, Mallow.

At Knochmor, near Carrigaline, a reppectable young man named Benjamin Shaw Wilson son of an extremited to professing the Catholic faith, it must be dissinatly winderstood that in refer socie to the services of other Churches it is not allowed to us to take part in their servante in an out office. He had societably shot himself.

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of putting the Oatholics of Dublin on their guard against a movement of recent development amongst us by which the religion of deserted children is exposed to danger. It is known to all that the oppressive bigotry of a cortain section of the Poor law Guardians of this outy and of its neighbourhood too frequently finds a field for its display in the exercise of the almost absolute power with which the law invests them in the case of these poor children. These Guardians make no scruple of exercising that power so as to meat that a desorted child even though in all probability the off-spring of Catholic parents, shall be brought up a Protestant.

The last might of April also the last in the old Star Theatre, was the occasion for drawing about the bagest hold walls. Large numbers of people were refused admission for want of from. At hime o'clock, in response to repeated a clist Mr. Dan Lowrey came before the curtain and received an ovation and presentation.

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Intelligence reached Birr Barracks of the murder in Bermuda of Mrs. Margaret Mary McCarthy, wife of Colour Sergeant McCarthy, wife of Colour Sergeant McCarthy, wife of Colour Sergeant McCarthy, of the 1st Battalion Leinster Regiment. Mrs. McCarthy was a native of Birr where her parents are most respectable people. She was well educated in the convent schools, and about five years ago, when scarcely out of her teens, married Colour Sergeant McCarthy. She was a strikingly handsome young woman with a comunanding figure. Some three years ago the pair moved from there to join the first Battalion of their regiment to Aldershot and more recently to Bermuda. Mrs. Mcuarthy's brother, who is in the same regiment, was the first boommunicate to his parents there that anything had happened to hus sister. It appears that Mrs. McCarthy met with a fearfully violent end. She was brutally murdered, her limbs having been smashed and her skull broken in. In fact the brief circumstances of the ragody that have been brought to light suggest that it must have been of a shooking character. What makes the affair all the more painful is the circumstance that her husband stands accused of the murder, and is now returned for trial on the capital charge.

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Kerry.

The Local Government having re fused to undertake any relief works in Kerry in consequence of the recent bog disastor, Father O'Sulivan of Rathmore has written to the secretary of the Board as follows: The answer of your Board to the memorial sent them by the sufferers from the recent bog burst, is distressing in the extreme. It sounds in my ears as the echo of the word sent forth from Lord John Russell's office in the days of '47 to the starving people of Kerry, so many of whom were allowed to die in those days of hunger, and become, as I well remember the food of dogs.

"Jacky Russell" and "Jacky Russell and those of my time have been taught to hold in excertain from our childhood.

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Ireland. Your board have no such purpose; and yet, strange to say, unconsoiously influenced, it would seem, by the office traditions of the evil past, you send us, as if celebrating the golden jubilee of '47, an answer to our appeal for assistance in our distress—an answer such as might have been phonographed to Kerry in Lord Russell's office just 50 years ago.

Mr. John Stack, who represented North Kerry in Parliament from 1885 to 1892, died rather suddenly at the residence of his brother-in-law at Tralee.

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Limerick.

The Bishop of Limerick, Dr. O'Dwyer, condemns the unhappy state of things that has arisen out of political movements, but it is not political fairs would set the laity against their clergy, as if there could be any opposition of interests between them. For centuries the priests and people in Ireland went hand in hand in everything. They rose and fell together. When, at the beginning of the contury, it was proposed to purchase the influence of the clergy by a State endowment, they apurned it with indignation, and although at the time their condition was moet miserable they preferred to share the poverty of their flock than become pensioners of any Government. And so the clergy and the people have been one, and their unity has been their strength in public affairs, and its influence has been felt in the highest and holiest of their spiritual relations. How foreign to all this beautiful and Catholic spirit are many things which we now read in newspapers that are supposed to be Catholic. Day after day the acts and sayings of bishops and priests are criticized with a bitterness and a disrespect and an unfrienditiness which the better cless of Protestant journals would not show. Sometimes the worn out calumnies of the Church in other countries are revived and flung by way of insult against pastors of the Olurch in the self same tone as we were once familiar with in the polemics of street preachers. Now, no people can go on from day to day reading such produc-

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The death is announced of Dr. John Patrick Fitzgerald who was largely connected with the history of King Williamstown, Cape Colony. Dr. Fitzgerald was born near Ardee.

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The Belmuller guardians have passed the following resolution: It is to day reported to us by some of the principal merchants of Belmullet, that at the present moment there is absolutely not a bag of Indian meal in Belmullet, and it is not known when a vessel can venture here in the present indicement weather, and the sex is certain to continue disturbed for some weeks to come, so that very many of the people of the union are in this slarming predicament, that they have no potatoes to live on, and Indian meal, the only substitute as foot, not to be had. This is a very grave state of things, and calls for immediate notice on the part of the Government if the lives of the people are to be saved, and it furnishes the strongest fillustration there could be of the necessity for connecting Belmullet with the world by means of a railway, for if it were so connected this dangerous state of affairs could not occur."

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A manifesto to the risis people at home and abroad is published, signed by Canon Scully and others, in be half of the evicted tonants. They ask Have we not steed shoulder to should er with the bravest of you in the hottest fights of the great land war? Have not our fellow tenants through out the country largely benefited by our sacrifices and devotion to the common cause? Are we not the victims of landlord tyranny—the wounded solderes of a bleeding country? How, then have you so soon forgotten these strong and convincing claims which we have on your undying sympathy and support? Will you let our enemies point the finger at us and deride us as fools for our pains in helping you to lower your rents and retain your homes, while you leave us to starvation or the workhouse when the smallest exertion on your part would save us from both and yourselves from becoming a byeword among the nations. Speak then, fellow countrymen. Say a determined "No" to these questions. Give us some hope at least that all sentiments of patriotism, goodfellowship, justice, and humanity are not utterly dead amongst you. Restore us to our dear old homes, and if that consolation must yet be denied us, give us at least such decent means of support as shall save our self-respect and the honour of dear old Ireland.

On Shrove Truesby evening a very romantic marriage took place between two very old residents of the Glen of Aherlow, the lady named being Peg Nestor, about 65 years of age, and her apouse (this being her fourth husband) a shoemaker aged 60. The woman was an old servant of the Massy family of Riverdsle, but lately resided in a cottage on the demense. To celebrate the event the young Messre. Massy (home on vacation) decorated three donkeys with evergreens and sleigh bells and harnessed the animals to a carriage in which the old couple were drawn to the church, driven by the two young gentlemen dressed in their own coachioms? and footman's liveres followed by all the villagers in great numbers.

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Tyrese.

An eviction has taken place in the townland of Gortenmeen, a few miles from Dungannon. The sheriffs officer proceeded to the house of Patrick Downey. The Downeys were all standing in the door armed with grips, pitolforks, and other weapons. The officer demanded possession, and on being refused, made a rush to get into the house, when he was chased by four women with boiling water etc. The police made an attack on the women, and with great difficulty placed them under arrest, and the sheriffs men then carried out their orders.

Regisk Bishops and the Rocardon Bill.

The Imms has received the following statement by the Cardinal Archbishop and Bishops of the Province of Westminster on the Education Bill:

I. As Christian Bishops and as Englishmen we respectfully but firmly protest against any permanent Parliamentary sanction being given to the principle that public elementary schools are to be subject to flavorinces of revealed Christianity are taught therein.

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25th ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

Confederation Life

Association -

GRATIFYING INDICATIONS OF PROGRESS.

Decreased Ratio of Expenses to In-, come -Large Increase in Assets.

Ine annual meeting of the Confederation
Life Americation was held at the head office
of the Company, Yonge, Richmond and
Victoria streets. Income, on Tacaday, the
18th inst, at the hone of 2 pm.
Incre was a large attendance of policymobilers shareholders and members of the
goover staff, the Hon Sr W. P. Housland,
C.B., K.C.M.G., was called to the chart,
and Mr. J. K. Mas donald, Managing Derector, was appointed Secretary of the
meeting.
The report and inancial statements retaining to the business of the Association for
the year 1896 were submitted as follows:

REPORT.

the year 1806 were submitted as follows:—

The Directors are pleased to meet the policyholders and sharsholders in the year was a submitted as the policyholders and sharsholders in the year was one of continued and widespread depreasing, causing an acceptation of the financial stringency which has taked depreasing, causing an acceptation of the financial stringency which has marked the past was one of continued and widespread to come years past and rendering it utilizate to outsin a large volume of new business by the piles which has marked the past means. Your Directors, however, have not been tempted to depart from the piles which has marked the past more occurred to the past of the piles which has marked the past more occurred to the piles which has marked the past more occurred to the piles which has marked the past more occurred to the piles which has marked the past of the statements will aff irth, the more so that this has been done with a decreased ratio of expense to income the piles will be proved and 106 for \$173,550 were declined. Including bonns all liting, the total new business of the statements will aff only were approved and 106 for \$173,550 were declined. Including bonns all liting, the total new business of the statements all the policies for \$27,600,429 on 16 978 lives.

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The usual financial statements accompany the report, and will be found to excite the condition of the Association at the close of theyer.

condition of the Association at the other year.

The Auditors have continued to give atrict attention to the duties of their department, making their au-lit from month to month as formerly. Their report will be found appended to the ficancial statements. A perusal of the report and statements will show the following satisfactory evidences of progress:

(i) A satisfactory volume of new business secured by purely; busi-ness methods and at a fair cost. (2) A satisfactory increase in the

(3) A satisfactory increase in the total insurance in force.

(3) A satisfactory increase in income, both from premiums and interest.

(4) A large increase in the assets.

(5) A gratifying increase in surplus, notwithstanding the payment out to policyholders during the 982,000 for profits.

to income.

The Directors, realizing that the rate of interest obtainable on good investments may be considered as permanently lowered, gave to be employed a calculating the policy and to be employed as calculating the policy and as a result divided to use a rate of 38 per cent. for all the business written subsequent to becomber 31, 1305, instead of 45, as formerly. This will have the effect of strengthening the position of the company and affording greater securicy to its policy-holders.

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The Directors are pleased to call attention to the fact that the head office building its gradually filling up, and that there is every prospect that in the mear future, with a revital mean tender of the coupled that in the security of the coupled that in the mear future, with a revital mean tender of the coupled that in the security of the coupled that in the coupled

All the Directors retire, but are eligible for re election

W. P. HOWLAND, J. K. MACDONALD, Managing Director.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. Receipts. 907,321 69 Interest and rents, net. 225,295 97

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The success of the Waverley Bicycle in '96 places it at the head of the leaders for '97 This year we produce a new and expensively made wheel, equipped with the only perfect bearings yet made—\$100 Law year's famous model, greatly improved has been in the cost of machinery.

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Indiana Bicycle Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

Cash surplus above all lia-bilities. \$ 371,030 84 Capital stock 1.000,000 00

Total surplus security for policyhol ters\$1,971,930 84

AUDITORS' REPORT

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the audit of the books of the Association
for the year ending freeember 41, 1856, and
have examined the vouchers composted
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therewise agree with the books and are contended and the assets with the form securities represented in the assets with the exception of those longed with the Boomision Government, amounting to \$25,000) have been examined and compared with the Books of the Association, and are correct, and correspond with the schedules and ledgers.

The bank balances and the cash are certified as correct.

W. R. HARRIS,

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Toronto, March 4, 1897.

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The President, Sir W. P. Howland, mixed the adoption of the report, and in doing so referred to the graftfying increases that had been made in the business of the Association for the past year, emphasising the following points:—Increase in interest income. 816 623; in cash surplus, after the income of over 552,287; in crash surplus, after the control of 257,600, and in exact the control of 257,600, and in exact to the control of 257,600, and in exact to the control of 257,600,000, and represented a gain for the year of nearly one million dollsrs, and, continuing, said: "Wille we have reason to be gratified at these results of the year's instinces, as the same time it afforts important evidence to so fit for every long pulson that is entertained in the control of affording fuller protection to the policy-holders and of atreagethening the financial of affording fuller protection to the policy-holders and of atreagethening the financial policy of the company in the future.

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The resolution, which was duly approved, was acknowledged by the President on behalf of the directors.

Resolutions of thanks were also passed to the actuary, solicitors, medical, agency and official stalis, which were duly acknowledged by the representatives of the several bodies by the representatives of the several bodies.

All the refiring directors were re-leasted, and at meeting of the new board held name districtly therefore the President and Messre, Edward Hooper and W. H. Beatty, Vice-Presidents.

War Now Seems Inevitable.

ATHENS, March 17.—A prolonged meeting of the Cabinet was held to day. The Ministers discussed at great to day. The Ministers discussed at great to day the attitude to be taken in the evengent the powers attempting to coerce Greece into a complicance with their demands. It is stated that no disposition was shown to accede to the demands adout it is was finally decided to take active measures as the only possible solution of the difficulty. It is thought that by active measures is meant a declaration of war against Turkey, which in its effect will be to give Greece the right to maintain her army in Creic and deprive the powers of any right of interference.

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Lett Mip Affected—Suspected Kidney Trou-blo—Relievel and Perfectly Cured by Bodd's Kidney Pills.

Toronto Junction, March 22 (Special)

—Mr. H. Playtor is not a difficult man to find, as overybody here knows that he is foreman at No. 1 Fire Hall. He was the picture of health when called upon by your correspondent, and told his story thus:

"In April, 1890, I suffered from a severe attack of Solatica affecting my left hip and the leg to the tip of the toes. I suspected it came from some form of kidney trouble, and as they had been recommended I procured a box of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"At the end of the fourth day I was ontirely rolleved, but desiring a permanent cure I continued to use that and another box and am now perfectly cured and as well as over in my life. A brother of mine living at Pine Orchard has been cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills."