



A GENERAL VIEW OF THE LAKES OF KILLARNEY.

Photo. by W. Lawrence, Dublin.

The following is a tribute to Killarney's grandeur, from the pen of Mr. Alfred Austin, the poet laureate :

"Such varied and vigorous vegetation I have seen no other where; and when one has said that, one has gone far towards awarding the prize for natural beauty. But vegetation, at once robust and graceful is but the fringe and decoration of that enchanting district. The tender grace of wood and water is set in a framework of hills—now stern, now ineffably gentle; now dimpling with smiles, now frowning and rugged with impending storm; now muffled and mysterious with mist, only to gaze out on you again with clear and caudid sunshine. Here the trout leaps; there the eagle soars; and there beyond the wild deer dash through the arbutus coveris. Here the impression of Killarney is that of beauty unspeakably tender, which puts on at times a garb of grandeur and a look of awe, only in order to heighten by passing contrast the sense of soft insinuating loveliness. How the miscel thrushes sing, as well they may! How the streams and rannels gurgle and leap and laugh! For the sound of journeying water is never out of your ears: the feeling of the moist, the fresh, the vernal, is never out of your heart. My companion agreed with me, that there is nothing in England or Scotland as beautiful as Killarney—meaning by Killarney its lakes, its streams, its hills, its vegetation; and if mountain, wood, and water, harmoniously blent, constitute the most perfect and adequate loveliness that Nature presents, it surely must be owned that it has all the world over no superior."

Keeping ahead of our motto "Prosperous and Progressive."

The exhibit made by the Sun Life of Canada Company of the business of 1904, and the increases effected in various items thereof over 1903, shows that it has made progress in no unstinted manner. The whole statement exhibits a progressive business, but perhaps the table showing the leaps made in the eight-year periods, affords the most striking illustration. The business of the Sun Life of Canada is a wide spread one, including various countries of the world, and though the Sun Life of Canada is not yet an old

Company, it has made wonderful headway, adding yearly to its resources and its strength and assisting to spread the name and fame of the Dominion wherever it transacts business.—*Monetary Times*, March 24th, 1905.

Fond Father (showing off his offspring's intelligence)—"Now Elsie, dear, what is a cat?" Elsie—"Dunno." Fond Father—"Well, what's that funny little animal that comes creeping up the stairs when every one's in bed? Elsie (promptly)—"Papa."