OUR IRISH LETTER.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CAMBLE RESERT

Dublan, Jan. 12.—The melee in South Africa has monopolized public attention in the British Isles for the past wook. There is nothing talked of but Dr. Jameson, Com Paul and Johannesburg. Mr. Chamberlain is very much the here of the hour. His vigor and decision have inspired columns of copy; and what is still better, have wen him the hearty admiration of every fair-minded man who abhors unjust war. His course and promptitude have get the English in South Africa out of a very ugly corner. Thanks to his statecraft Jameson's raid on the Transvaal, which threatened to entail the slaughter of countless Dubian, Jan. 12.—The melce in South to entail the slaughter of countless lives, bids fair to end in nothing more serious chan a court-martial. The Gorman Emperor's telegram to President Kruger has aroused public indignation in England to a frenzy. If a London in England to a fronzy. If a London mob could lay hands on lum just now ho'd have a very bad half hour. With all our command of languago, Publin papers came in a very poor second to the abuse which the English press slung at William the Second (to-none). Irish editors reserve their best offusions for the home circle.

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There is a time for everything. Shrovetide used to be the time to get married, but marriage is going out of fashiou. The men say they cannot afford it. Since ghis have begun to go out into the working world, and select carcors for themselves, they have grown indifferent to matrimony—unless a suitor be well worth taking from a commercial or a social point of view. "Time caought be obligated in the commercial or a social point of view. "Time caought be obligated in the commercial or a social point of view. It is obsolute. On the whole the say," let us soo life that." Lovo's young dream into far wong. A modern to be inguly mentioned the constitution of the commercial control in the commercial control in the control in the control in the commercial control in the control in t

For the first time I saw Mr. McCoy as Lord Mayor at the pantomime the other ovening. He was there in his role of paterfamilies, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and some hal dozen of their children. He is a great advocate for home manufacture. All his mayoral outfit, even to the whips, was made in Dublin. He is noted in private live for his taste and judgment in borse-fiesh. His equipages make a very dashing turnout.

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We still profess to believe that pantomimes are specially got up to amuse the
children. Every year I am more and
more puzzled to discover what part of
the performance is adapted to the
cursery. An up-to-date pantomine is
an amalgam of bread burlesque and
music-halt variety business. It introduces on the legitimate stage, costumes,
posturings, doubles, ententes, which in
a music hall would be decried as suggestive, but in a theatre they are only
usethotic. It is to train the young idea
in the othics of symmetry, that overy
curve of the female form is accontuated
in the most delicately seductive colors.
Tights have long age sovered all connection with drapery. Trilby in the
"altogether" was a very modest young
lady in burlesque. The fun of the
piece seems to be focused in the men's
wearing potticoats. Comedinas have
superseded clowns. Two or three men
are entrusted with the task of making
the audience largh, while the ladies are
grouped effectively to be looked at.
This Year's pantonime at the Galviy
is called Robinson Grusco. Any other
name would have done just as well.
The dialogue it wratched. If it wore
any duller not oven the redeeming
humor of Messrs. Frank Dauby and
Edward Lauri could induce you to sit it
out. Frank Dauby is a Dublin favorite
exponent of fommine foilles. As Mrs.
Crusco he acts up to his reputation.
He sings splend'ally, and his skirt dancing is a living pleture. Perhaps his
best hit is when costumed in an exaggerated magpie silk, he sang:

"I'm a hady of the stletest propriety.
Alay'd bolls-activy.

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"I'm a lady of the strictest propriety, A lady of great notoriety, A laoy of bublin society, Walking up Gratton street."

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pathos. The twhole piece is magnifi-cently mounted. One score is levelier than another. The costumes are ma-vels of aethetic contrasts. They were designed by Mrs. Ounn and she is un-surpassable as an artist, in stage effects.

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I expect one of the most successful books of the year will be "The Sowers," by Henry Seton Merriman. It is a beautifully written story, combining power and delicary of touch. Mr. Merriman draws his characters from the nude in nature, and gives you swift, vid glances into their most intricate thoughts. In the sponjing of details and the portraying of transition incleads had the portraying of transition incleads, he is a rare artist. The here, Paul, is a Russian prince, a one-dicard man, who dovotes his life to recuring his sorfs from the ravages of disease and famine. Faccinated by the glamor of a woman-beauty, he fancies himself in love affect his transition of the stage of the stage

The Redmondites are shricking for war. "The humiliation of England before the nations," next to halling John Redmond as an uncrowned king is the one thing worth working for in the realm of faction. "The brave Boors" are the heroes of their speeches and their journals. One of their M.P's—avery great little man—telegraphed, a la Gorman Emperor, to President Kruger, Pretoria:

Pretoria:

"Nationalist Ire'and rejouces at und congratulates you on your victory ove: British marauders and hopes you will held your hostages until Britain release Irish political prisoners now thirteen years in her jailet.

PAT. O'BRIEN, M.P.
National Club, Dublin, Jan. 11th, 1890.

Nauonat Glub, Dublin, Jan. 11th, 1896."

I am afraid oven the blarney of an O'Brion will not weigh much with Oom Paul. Long ago Bismarck oxpressed his admiration for that shrowd old man, classing him as one of the most astute diplomats when he had over known. Anyhow, Pat can have the satisfaction of knowing that his name has crossed the line, flashed past darkest Africa, and, who knows, the celo of it through the Transvaal, rany scare away the property of th

carry them boyous adminuty" will never again in the old sense be irrelated opportunity. When you come across any fillbustering speeches which would have you understand that we are ready at any moment to smitch hated Saxon, you would as well to romember that over here we thoroughly understand that class of orator never means what he says. Mr. Austin, the new Poet Laureate, is a Roman Catholic. He was educated at Stonyhurst College and afterwards at St. Mary's College, Oscott. His

appointment is not popular. One paper goes so far as to say if he represents English poetry up-to-date "then the grave or English poetry is being dug." Another journal says. "He is a graceful and scholarly Conservative journal t." Swinburne -peaks for poetry wilde Mr. Alfred Austin will be officially concerned with the production of versified remarks on court-ovents." What is my own opinion? Well, I'd vote for Swinburne.

The Limerick O'Mara's.

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LOSHON, ONT., Jan. 11, 1898.

TO THE EUTHO CATHOLIC REPORTER:
DEAR SIN.—I see Ly the nows in this weeks paper (in the Irish letter) you make mention of Mr. Joseph O'Mara of Limerick Ireiand. I am happy to state that young gentleman is a cousin of your humble servant. I can vouch for the statement in his romarks about the O'Mara family excursion every Christmas, also about going to the seashore every summer. It has always been their custom as long as I remember. I feel proud of the old stock, and especially when I hear news from the city of the Violates Preaty, the land of my birth.

Yours, etc., M. F. O'Mara.

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—Mr. D. Steinbach,

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