

THE POPE AND IRELAND.

His Holiness' Warm Affection. Presentation of Mr. and Mrs. John Dillon.

Rome, Dec. 16.—To-day at noon the Bishop of Rapallo and the Rector of the Irish College were received in private audience by His Holiness.

The Holy Father was most outspoken in his warm affection for his faithful Irish children in every part of the world, and most sympathetic with their sufferings at home in Ireland. He declared himself their unchangeable friend, and said the love of his paternal heart was poured out in blessings on the faithful race which, despoiled itself, could sympathize with a despoiled people, and which in its generosity would not allow Christ's Vicar to want the means of effectively discharging the functions of his exalted office.

His Holiness expressed the consolation he felt at hearing how religion flourished in the diocese of Rapallo, and gave his Apostolic blessing a second time to the benefactors of the new Cathedral at Leterkeny.

Subsequently Dr. O'Donnell and Monsignor Kelly had the pleasure of presenting to His Holiness Mr. John Dillon, M.P., Mrs. Dillon and Father Dillon, of St. Isidore's. Kneeling at the feet of His Holiness, Mr. Dillon expressed in a manner worthy of a devoted son how he and his colleagues were ever ready to do their utmost to promote the interests of religion and vindicate the rights of the Holy See.

Condolence.

At the last regular meeting of Division No. 3 A.O.H., held on Dec. 19th, the following resolution was adopted: "Whereas Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has been pleased to remove from this life Michael Murray, the brother of our esteemed Brother, Thomas Murray.

Resolved, that we the members of Division No. 3 deeply sympathize with Brother Murray and the members of his family in their sad bereavement, and earnestly pray that Almighty God will enable them to bear their loss with Christian resignation.

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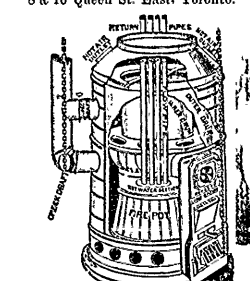


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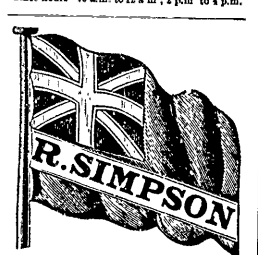
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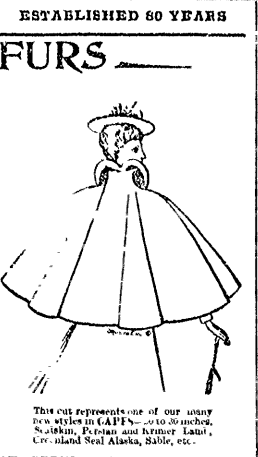
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