H. ROBINSON.

The Man of the Hour in South Africa.

Mr. J. G. Swift Macheill Q.C., M.P., has one of his timely and racy articles in The Freeman's Journal on Sir Hercules Robinson, High Com-

articles in The Freeman solution of the hour in missioner and Governor, and unquestionably, the man of the hour in South Africa.

Sir Hercules Robinson he tells us is "Irish of the Irish," he enjoys the distinction of having been made the object more than once of Mr. Chamberlain's animosity in the House of Commons, and finally Sir Hercules: Is a sturdy, determined, and publicly declared Irish House Ruier. At a meeting in Cape Town many a year ago he gave evidence of the faith that was in lim, and stated in words that are not forgotten either by friend or foe. as he mailed his colours to the mast—"The first step twards Imperial Federation must be the concession of Home Rule to Irish House of Irish House Iri

nailed his colours to the mast—" The first stept x-wards Imperial Federation must be the concession of Home Rule to Ireland."

"Ho is named after his great grand-ather, who, like him was an Irish gentleman, like him was a member of the Trivy Council. like him was --cated a Baronet and, like him, possessed the respect and confidence of the people-the Right Hgn. Sir Horcules Laugrish, Bart, who sat for forty years in the Irish House of Commons. and was the intimate and licelong friend and colleague of Henry Grattan. Sir Horcules Crattan, and Flood were the principal contributors to Baratariana, a series of political pasquiandes on the disgraceful administration of the Irish Government in the Viceroyalty of the Marquis Townsond. He will, however, be best reamonbered as the man who advocated he Catholic for partial relaxation of state and trocious Fenal could not be seen without property conditions from the control of the Irish Government of Irish Government of the Irish Government of Irish

Sunk in the grave, what varied powers wosee;
How many pleasant thoughts have died with thee.
He loved his country and he loved her

ws, drew his pen in Freedom's sacrod

sang his country's graces or her reached his heart, and love inspired songs.

The great-grand-father of Sir Hercules was Justice of the Irish Court of Kirg's Bench from 1768 to 1767 and is remembered for a famous passage at arms with Curran, then a young man, who was arguing a case-before him.

before him.

Curran observed that he had consulted all his law books, whereupon the judge said: "I suspect sir, that your law library is rather contracted." Curran instantly assailed the man who in a moment of thoughtlessness had converted the judical bench into a coward's castle.

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It is very true, my lord, that I am poor, and the circumstance has rather curtailed my library. My books are not numerous, but they are select, and, I hope, have been perused with proper disposition. I have prepared myself for this high profession rather by the study of a few good books than by the composition of a great many bad ones. I am not sabhamed of my poverty, but I should of my occupation could I atoop to acquire it by servillity and corruption. If I rise not to rank I shall at least be honest, and should I ever cease to be so, many an example shows, me that an ill-acquired devation by making me the more conspicuous would only making the more universally and the more notoriously contemptible.

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Sir Hercules Robinson's grandfather was an Irish Protestant rector, and his father was an admiral who filled the office of High Sheriff for Westmeath in 1842. Sir Hercules was born in 1824. After spending a short time in the army he ontered the civil service. He married a daughter of Lord Valencia. He has been successively governor of one of the West India Islands, Hong Kong, New Zesland, New South Wales and the Gayer. On his re appointment to the Governorship of the Cape, and the High Commissionership of South Africa the following appeared in The Times concerning him:

The reappointment of Sir H. Robinson as Capetally and the Robinson as Capetally and the Capetally and the Robinson as Capetally and Robinson as Capetally and

The respondence of Sir H. Robinson as Jovernor of this colony is one of those prievous blunders in the administration of louth African affairs which are from time on time committed by English statemen.—Times, March 28, 1895.—

M. Machall Contract.

(Times, March 28, 1895).

Mr. MacNeill quotes the debate in the House on March 28, 1895 when Sir Hercules was bitterly attacked by Mr. Chamberlain. Commenting upon this MacNeill adds:

"When Mr. Chamberlain attacked Sir Hercules Robinson, the gentleman who then reprocented in the Tory interest the City of Oxford was alive and well. It died auddenly a day or two afterwards. The Oxford Tories chose as their

candidate Viscount Valentia, who wen the seat, after an exerting contest. VI count Valentia is a nephew by marriage of Sir Horcules Robinson whose appointment Mr. Chamberlain attacked in the interest of public morality. The historian of the future – misguided man—might, perhaps, surmise that an envenomed personal attack by a Liberal-Unionist leader on a near relative of a Tory candidate, who notwithstanding his dangerous Home Rule errors was admittedly a most distinguished public servant, might not conduce to what poor Lord Randolph churchill used to term "the union of the Unionist Party." We of course, who know Mr. Chamberlain, are certain that no such mundane consideration could know thin to every e from the narrow path of public duty."

OBITUARY.

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ALEXADERIA Jan. 21.—The death took place on Sunday last of Miss Mary Catthern McDenell, daughter of John McDenell, and 2: years. The decoased was conflued to her bed for a few months, and bore her illness with Christian fortitude and resignation. She had a kind disposition and was beloved by all acquantances. The funcat took place on Inussiay morning to St. Finnan's Cathedral, thone to the burying ground, and was larvely atkended. The pall bearers were A. McDonell. J. Routhier and D. Kenneyl, R. I. P. Martines, and the state of the late of late of the late of the late of late of the late of the late of late of the late of late of the late of l

HAMILTON NEWS.

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At St. Mary's Cathedral Hamilton on Sunday morning financial statements of revenue received during the past year were read. The rector, Rev. Mgr. McEvay, preached at high mass, his text being a portion of the seventh commandment, which, he said, compels all to pay their lawful debts. In the course of his remarks Rev. Mgr. McEvay stated that the past year had been a prosperous one, both in regard to the cathedral and the three other Catholic parishes of the city. Many important improvements had been made to the church property and the charitable institutions under their direction.

had been made to the church property and the charitable institutions under their direction.

During the year \$6,186,90 had been subscribed towards the building fund of St. Mary's presbytery, on which still a considerable am 'unt remains to be paid. Of the contributors Bishop Dowling gave the largest sum, heading the list with \$400. Towards the furnishing of the presbytery the Catholic ladies of the city generously contributed \$600.25.

The semi-annual collection at Christmas for the support of the catheria staff amounted to \$850.50. Of this sum the heads of families gave \$509; single ladies, \$108.60; single men, \$130.50; and friends, \$12.50. Contributions for the support of Contributions for the priesthood amounted to \$100.75. Mombers of cathedral parish assisted in the crection of St. Lawrence church by giving \$601 to the building fund.

To the Holy Sepulchre cometery fund St. Mary's parish gave, by special collection, \$412.50; St. Fatrick's parish, \$111.63; St. Lawrence's, \$30, and St. Joseph's \$15.50. The receipts, including the collection, amounted to \$1,045.05, and the expenditure to \$970.31. leaving a bialance of \$70.46. This fund for the maintenance and beautiffing

paramy s param gave, by special collection, 842.00; St. Patrick's parish, 811.68; St. Lawrence's, 830, and St. Joseph's 316.60. The receipts, including the collection, amounted to \$1.045, 65, and the expenditure to \$975.19. leaving a bialance of \$70.46. This fund is for the maintenance and beautifying of the cometery. The officers of the committee are: Donald Smith, chairman; J. Morion, secretary, and Rev. F. P. McFway, treasurer.

Among the many societies connected with the clutch three are none that they were more proud of than the St. Vincent de Paul, society. It is truly fulfilling Christ's command of feeding the hungry, elching the naked, caring for the widow and the orphan. The receipts of this society for the past year amounted to \$1.928.18, and of this \$401.80 was paid for wood and coat; 3191.47, for groceries and provisions; \$40.16, for stationery and printing \$5, for railway fare for poor strangers. The total expenditure amounted to \$403.89, which is equally divided among St. Mary's, St. Patrick, and St. Lawrence's The total expenditure amounted of directors consists of the chaplain, Rev. Mgr. McEway illenry Aland, president; Mr. Best, secretary; and P. J. Kelly treasurer.

In concluding his discourse, Rev. Mgr. McEway thanked all who had contributed to the varie, a collections. The board of directors consists of the chaplain, Rev. Mgr. McEway illenry Aland, president; Mr. Best, secretary; and P. J. Kelly treasurer.

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IRISH DISSENSIONS.

Derry, Jan. 13

The following is the text of Mr. Gladstone's letter in reply to a Catholic gentleman in Derry who placed the municipal inequalities of his co-religionists in Londonderry before him:

gionists in Londonderry belove him:

"Dean Sn.,—I view with regretard aympathy the atteed municipal matters at Londonderry, but my engagements disable me from giving the case the attention it deserves and I fear that I rish affairs are not likely to presper util the deplorable disensions in the I rish Patiliamentary l'arty ate so far composed as to restore it to what was once its admirable efficiency—I remain dear sir, your obedient servant,

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Will Arrive Home Seb. 6—Entholic Secto ties will Tender Him a Welcome.

tics will Tender little a WelcomePateracon, Jan. 27.—His Lordship Bishop O Connor will reach New
York on his return home from Italy
on Monday, February 3rd, and will
probably arrive in Peterborough on
the 6th. He sailed from Naples on
Thursday last.

It is proposed to tender his Lordship a reception by the different
Catholic societies and the congregation
on his arrival in Peterborough. A
committee has been appointed to look
after the matter.

Peterborough Weddings.

St. Peter's Roman Catholic Cathedral Peterboro' was the scene of four weddings on the 21st.
At 5.30 o'clock Mr. Francis Goselin, butcher, George st., was united in matrimony by Arohdeacon Casey with Miss Bridget Mahor, daughter of Mr. Denis Maher.

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At seven o clock Rev. Father Scotlard performed the ceremony which made Mr. John King and Miss Mary McDonough man and wife.
An event in which much interest was centered was the marriage of Mr. Thos. Lane, of the Auburn Woollen company, and Miss Katie Hickey, daughter of Mr. John Hickey, Emily. The ceremony took place at 8 o'clock and was celebrated by Rov. Father Scanlan. canian. Mr. Robt. Heffernan and Miss Lena

Powers, of Otonabee, were married at nine o'clock by Rev. Father Fitz-patrick.

Peterborough Catholic Association.

A good sized audience attended the regular fortnightly entertainment in the Catholic Association rooms on the 20th, when a first class entertainment was presented with Secretary Keogh in the casir. Mesers - Habot and Hickey appeared in two well rendered instrumental duets, while the humorous reading of Mr. Ames proved a decided treat. Mr. G. K. Martin in two baritone solos created a very favorable impression, as did also Mr. Costello in his well executed vocal number. Miss Lily Simons in her recitation, "How he saved St. Michael's," won for herself a placo amongst the best local elocutionists of the day.

The Late Mr. Heffernan.

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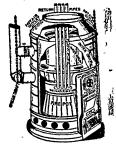
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