

meeting, presided over by William Johnstone, Esq., M.P., was held in Downpatrick, to consider the education of the National teachers of Ireland.

SEVERE ENCOUNTER BETWEEN THE POLICE AND A MOB IN THE COUNTY DUBLIN.—An affair occurred on Sunday night at Blackrock, county Dublin, between the police and a mob which they met on the road.

Constable James Ahern, for many years stationed at Ballymoy and Cashel, has been promoted to the rank of Head-Constable in the Royal Irish Constabulary.

With pride and pleasure the *Galway Vindicator* announces the appointment of Surgeon F. M. Ward as demonstrator in the School of Medicine of the Catholic University.

The Poor-law Clerk of the Waterford Union, J. C. Hennessy by name, disappeared recently, leaving the treasury of the Union minus about £200.

LAMENTABLE DEATH OF C. ROSSELL, OF ROSWELL HOUSE.—Intelligence reached Ennis on Monday, Sept. 19, announcing the death, at Kilkree, of Charles Roswell, Esq., of Roswell House, Kildystart.

FATAL VAN ACCIDENT AT KINGSTOWN.—On the 20th of September, between four and five o'clock, a very sad accident occurred in Upper George's street, whereby a young child named Kavanagh lost her life.

Mr. WYSE, COUNTY INSPECTOR.—Very many of our readers, says the *Cork Examiner*, both in the Counties of Cork and Waterford will read with satisfaction the announcement that Mr. Thomas Wyse, late sub-inspector at Youghal, has been promoted to the rank of County Inspector.

Wife desertion is a crime that cannot be laid against Ireland or the Irish race. We feel a jealous but honest pride in the moral and religious tone that prevails in Ireland in these terrible times.

ADDRESS OF THE HOME GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION. To the People of Ireland.

FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN.—The time is come when we think it our duty publicly to address you, and invite your co-operation in attaining the object which we are associated to promote.

That object is the restoration to Ireland of that right of domestic legislation, without which Ireland can never enjoy real prosperity or peace.

We have resolved with one consent to ask that restoration. We have also resolved to accompany this with a proposal of such a Federal Union between the three portions of the United Kingdom as may still combine them into one Imperial State.

The time is favourable for pressing such an arrangement on the English Parliament and government. Two years ago they desired to unite into one dominion the North American provinces of the British Crown.

ACCIDENT ON THE DUBLIN AND DROGHEDA RAILWAY LINE.—A melancholy and fatal accident occurred on Thursday morning, September 22, at twenty minutes past eight o'clock, on the Dublin and Drogheda Railway line, at the place known as the Middle Arch.

INTERESTING DISCOVERY AT TRINITY COLLEGE.—A coffin containing a human skeleton was found yesterday morning at a depth of twelve feet beneath the surface of the ground, under the campanile in Trinity College, where some men are at present constructing a water-tank.

no vault around it, as it lay in an ordinary excavation. The impression of the workmen who found the coffin was that the remains had lain where they were discovered since the period before the dissolution of the Priory of All-Hallows, which formerly occupied the site of Trinity College, and that they were those of some dignified ecclesiastic.

THE EDUCATION QUESTION.—The following important Declaration on the subject of education is being extensively signed throughout the country, by, as stated in the document, the Parliamentary electors:—

"We, the undersigned Irish Roman Catholic clergymen and laymen, being registered Parliamentary electors, deem it our duty to declare, as follows, our conscientious convictions respecting the momentous question of education in Ireland:—

"I.—That education to be fruitful of good must be founded on religion; and that non-religious education tends to subvert religion and morality in Catholic youth.

"II.—That while unwilling to interfere with the rights of our Protestant fellow-countrymen, we claim for ourselves, as Christian guardians and parents, representing four-and-a-half millions of Irish Catholics, the right—a right with which we will admit no interference—to give to our children an education based upon and interwoven with the religion which we believe to be true, and conformable to the teachings of the Church of which we are members.

"III.—That our forefathers having transmitted to us our religion unswayed, we are determined to hand it down unswayed to those who will come after us; and, as for this purpose Catholic education is necessary, we are determined to use all constitutional means in resisting, as an encroachment on our civil and religious liberties, every attempt to force upon us, Catholics, any system of education—university, intermediate, or primary—which is not based upon the Catholic religion.

"IV.—That we protest against the assertion that the just claims of Catholics can be met by the extension or perpetuation of the mixed system, whether by the erection of new institutions, by the maintenance of the Queen's Colleges and Model Schools, or by changing Trinity College, Dublin, into a mixed college.

"V.—That inasmuch as we, Catholics, who entertain these conscientious opinions, contribute equally with our fellow-subjects to the public taxes, it is but just that endowments and all other advantages afforded by the State to educational institutions, based upon Protestant or non-religious principles, should in the fullest sense of equality be shared with Catholic institutions, which alone are in accordance with the religious opinions of the great mass of the people of Ireland.

"VI.—We, therefore, demand such a change in the system of public education—primary, intermediate, and university—in Ireland as will place us on a footing of perfect equality with our fellow-subjects who entertain no conscientious objections to existing systems, and will remove the civil disabilities which are at present inflicted upon us for our religious opinions in this matter of education."

THE HON. WILLIAM REGINALD HERBERT, who was lost in the "Captain," was the third son of Lady Herbert of Lea, and was born in 1854.

SOME RETURNS, published by order of the House of Commons, prove that an average Scotchman imbibes considerably more than double the quantity of alcohol consumed by the average Irishman.

THE INQUIRY into the cause of the accident to the Irish Mail train at Tunworth is proceeding. The pointsman, who worked alternately with the man who is accused of culpable negligence, has sent in his resignation.

MR. EDMOND BEALES and KING ALFRED.—The appointment of Mr. Edmond Beales to a county court judgeship is a well-deserved tribute to his exertions on behalf of law and order.

with the authority of united Ireland. At present we invite the adhesion of all who are willing to co-operate in the general object of obtaining for Ireland a parliament of our own.

"We have pledged ourselves that we seek nothing revolutionary. We desire the restoration of the old institutions of Sovereign, Lords, and Commons of Ireland, a Constitution under which, we believe, the prerogatives of the monarchy, the rights of property, and the privileges of the people would be all equally secure.

"We cannot at present propose the exact framework of an Irish house. This like the plan of a Federal Union, should be the work of the proposed Conference—a Conference in which all classes of the Irish nation should be fully and adequately represented.

"We cannot too strongly or too emphatically disclaim any purpose or object of any religious ascendancy or any attack upon the property or rights of any one. We do so distinctly for each and every man who is a member of our body.

"We invite any of our countrymen who may have most remote apprehension of danger from the Irish Parliament to their religion, their liberty, or their property, to suggest any guarantee, to be made an inviolable part of the constitution which we seek.

"Upon these principles we invite the aid of all Irishmen. In the name of our country we implore of them to forget those dissensions and distrusts which have so long divided and cursed our country. In the ranks of our association, even as it stands today, we present to them a proof that it is possible to bring together Irishmen hitherto separated, and unite them in their country's common cause.

"We have proved more—we have shown that we can differ under circumstances calculated to try our union, and yet forget those differences when called on to meet as Irishmen and as friends. If our countrymen will respond in the same spirit to the call we make to them, the day is not far distant when Irishmen will, in their union, prove themselves worthy of self-government, and in so proving themselves, most assuredly obtain it."

GREAT BRITAIN. CATHOLIC EDUCATION.—We understand that a Committee of some of the most influential Catholics of the town has been formed and has had several meetings to consider the best means of meeting the present crisis in Catholic Education.

ITALY AND ROME.—The following is a copy of a letter addressed to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, by Sir George Bowyer, Bart., Temple, Sept. 15.

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said, at the worst moment of the crisis: "Do not think of the dynasty, think only of France." Whatever faults the Emperor may have committed, and they were more against Rome than against France, the mother and the son have deserved only admiration and good-will.

LETTER FROM THE VERY REV. DEAN O'BRIEN.—The following is a letter addressed from the Very Rev. Dean O'Brien to the President of the Central Council of the Liverpool Young Men's Society.

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