

THE MOTHER LAND.

Latest Mails from Ireland, England and Scotland.

Catholics of Belfast and the franchise. His Holiness on the foundation of the new Ireland. Christmas in the Old Country. Catholic News from various British Centers.

Mr. Edward Harland of Belfast who has just passed away looked as honest a man as he was, and was as honest as he looked. To his transparent straightforwardness and good faith, I owed his success in life. Some forty years ago he was foreman to a small shipbuilding firm in the North of England, which suddenly failed. There was one unfinished ship on the stocks for which the firm had already been paid. Harland got assistance from a local bank and finished the work. This incident made him known and brought orders.

The Catholic citizens of Belfast have adopted their petition in reference to the new Bill for the extension of the city boundaries. At their proceedings on Dec. 29 they expressed their thanks to their fellow Catholics in Derry who have joined hands with them in the struggle for a common right. They point out that the Catholics of Derry, though a majority of the population, are quite ready to accept the cumulative system of voting, provided similar justice is done to the Belfast minority. As usual the people who have been so long cheated out of their rights teach their opponents a lesson in toleration.

Dr. Gregg, the Protestant Minister has been confined to the Palace, Armagh, for the past few days through a serious indisposition. His Grace's constant beam is so alarming that it was considered necessary to have three physicians in attendance on him.

A British ship has been wrecked at Tote Head near Skibbereen. The installation of Sir John Scott as Mayor of Cork was accompanied by considerable disorder made by a Redmondite crowd.

A great nationalist convention was held in Ballyguy County Derry on Dec. 31 at which Father Fanning, C. C. presided and the following resolution was passed:—That we hail with satisfaction the calling together of a great National Convention, and more especially one representative of the Irish race in every quarter of the world (cheers). The services rendered by our kinsmen abroad to the National movement for the past twenty years can never be adequately compensated and we would be guilty of the basest ingratitude if we did not welcome them with open arms to any council that had for its object the promotion of the Irish cause. (Cheers.)

A wealthy Irish American named Edward Coleman died suddenly on Jan. 1st, in a house at Taffin's Row off Cole Lane. Among the birthday honors is a baronetcy for Sir John Arnott. Mr. Richard Francis McCoy was invested with the dignity of Lord Mayor of Dublin on Jan. 1st. under very favorable circumstances. Mr. Patrick Cahill the Dublin optician has received a letter from the Vatican acknowledging the reception of gold framed Irish glasses presented by him to His Holiness.

A serious riot occurred in the village of Tempo, County Fermanagh, on Saturday New Year's Eve. Between six and seven p.m. in the members of the Tempo National Flute Band proceeded through the village for their usual practice. When going up the Main street they were surrounded by a crowd of drunken men who fired a volley of stones and broken bottles at them. The stone throwing continued for half an hour, during which time several persons were slightly injured. During the row a couple of Catholics were coming up a back lane, and they were met by showers of bricks and stones.

The Narraghmore County Kildare, branch of the Irish National Federation passed the following resolution on Dec. 30—That we heartily approve of the resolution unanimously adopted by the Dublin convention of the Irish Parliamentary Party to hold a convention of the Irish race in Dublin, and we anticipate from the deliberations of such an assembly and the resolutions likely to be arrived at by it most important and far reaching results for the benefit and the regeneration of Ireland.

The country around Tillamoor was disastrously flooded by the rain storms of New Year's Day. Mr. William M. Nolan on the occasion of his installation as Mayor of the ancient city of the Broken Treaty made the following reference to educational matters:—Every fair minded or impartial person who has given any thought to the subject must admit that the arguments in favour of the establishment of a university where the Catholics of Ireland, who form so large a proportion of the population, can secure the enjoyment of equal advantages to those available to students of other denominations from the existence of Trinity College, are based on

simple justice (hear, hear) We, in common with the Catholics of Ireland are fully impressed with this view, and we hope the Government, which can afford to be generous, may come to recognize the disabilities under which the Catholics of Ireland are for so long a time, compelled to labour and may remove them by an act of full adequate and equal State aid for the higher education and studies of the Catholics of this country, to that enjoyed by their fellow countrymen of other creeds and denominations.

Mr. Victor Lynch has been installed Mayor of Drogheda. On Dec. 30 the classical school of St. Mary's College, Mullingar, was a scene of great animation, a banquet being held in honour of the Most Rev. Mr. Nulty on his return from Rome.

An inquiry was held at Caher Courthouse by Coroner J. J. Shee, J. P. and a respectable jury, of which Mr. John O'Mahony was foreman, on the body of a respectable young (common) man named Daniel Joseph Ahearn, whose remains were found in a frightful condition beneath the iron railway bridge which spans the Suir at Caher from the tower of which he had fallen.

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Mr. James O'Farrell, who was born at Cavan in 1816, and whose funeral took place recently at Southampton, from his youth always seems to have taken the greatest possible interest in mathematics and the kindred sciences. In 1836, he joined the Ordnance Survey in Ireland. He entered the Trigonomometrical Department on 4th April 1842, and there he remained until 1852. Notices of Mr. O'Farrell's work are scattered about in almost every book published in connection with the Ordnance Survey Office. We may particularly mention several of these in the "Encyclopaedia Britannica" (vol. x. p. 207), "Journal of Royal Geographical Society" (vol. xxx., "Geodesy," by Col. A. B. Clarke (Oxford Press), "Ordnance Survey," by Lt.-Col. Pilkington-White (Blackwood, &c., &c.). In addition to these, Mr. O'Farrell published several monographs on mathematical subjects connected with the Survey.

Scotland. St. Joseph's College, Dunfermline. At the Christmas entertainment 232 certificates were distributed, of which 181 were awarded by the Science and Art Department for the thirteen subjects in which the pupils were examined last May. There were also 43 certificates from the College of Percipitors, 10 being 1st class, 13 2nd class, and 10 3rd class. The Cathedral, Edinburgh. In honor of the great festival of Christmas the Cathedral, Edinburgh, was handsomely decorated with holly and ivy. Festoons wound round the pillars and arches, and the pulpit, which had been moved to a more suitable place in the extended church, was covered with similar decorations. Canon Donnelly lectured on "Edward VI." or an examination of the religious charges instituted in England during the short reign of that king. The services for Christmas included Pontifical High Mass at midnight on Christmas Eve, with a sermon on "The Incarnation," by Canon Donnelly.

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THE M'CORD CASE.

Twenty-seven Months Ailing, Nine Months Helpless.

His Disease Pronounced Diabetes and Incurable. Taken up by Him and God. Cured by the Use of the Kidney Pills.

Richmond, N. B. (Special)—This has been a day of unusual crowds and excitement here. The talk of the farmers and others in town for holiday trading is mostly all about the recently published cure of Wm. McCord a farmer living not far out and one of our oldest inhabitants. The presence of Mr. McCord made assurance visible for very many who heard of his cure thought recovery impossible. Among other things in praise of Dodd's Kidney Pills he said: "After the doctors pronounced my trouble incurable, no one thought I should ever be cured." "I was partly paralysed and to get out of bed had to roll out." "Was nine months unable to do even a chore about the place, could barely trail myself about the house and there was little left of me but the shell." "But when I commenced taking Dodd's Kidney Pills I stuck close to directions and kept in the house for weeks and the first signs of rheumatism and such like."

An Express of the Future.

FROM THE FRENCH OF JULIUS VARNI.

Take care! cried my conductor, "there's a stop!" Safely descending the steep thus indicated to me, I entered a vast room, illuminated by blinding electric reflectors, the sound of our feet alone breaking the solitude and silence of the place.

Where was I? What had I come there to do? Who was my mystic guide? Questions unanswered, I long walked in the night, iron doors opened and reclosed with a clang, stairs descending, it seemed to me, deep into the earth—that is all I could remember. I had, however, no time for thinking.

No doubt you are asking yourself who I am? said my guide. Colonel Pierce, at your service. Where are you? In America, at Boston—in a station.

"A station?" "Yes, the starting point of the Boston to Liverpool Pneumatic Tubes Company." And, without waiting for an answer to his questions, the Colonel pulled sharply a bright brass knob projecting from the side of one of the tubes—a panel slid smoothly in its groove, and in the opening left by its removal I perceived a row of seats, on each of which two persons might sit comfortably side by side.

"The carriage!" exclaimed the Colonel. "Come in." I followed him without offering an objection, and the panel immediately slid back into its place. By the light of an electric lamp in the roof I carefully examined the carriage I was in.

Nothing could be more simple a long cylinder, comfortably upholstered, along which some fifty arm chairs, in pairs, were ranged in twenty-five parallel ranks. At either end a valve regulating the atmospheric pressure, that in front allowing for the discharge of an excess beyond the normal pressure.

After spending a few moments on this examination, I became impatient. "Well," I said, "are we not going to start?" "Going to start?" cried the Colonel. "We have started!"

Started—like that without the least jerk, was it possible? I listened attentively, trying to detect a sound of some kind that might have guided me. If we had really started—if the Colonel had deceived me in talking of a speed of eighteen hundred kilometers an hour—we must already be far from any land, under the sea; above our heads the huge, foam created waves; even at that moment, perhaps—taking it for a monstrous sea serpent of an unknown kind—whales were battering with their powerful tails our long iron prison!

But I heard nothing but a dull rumble, produced, no doubt, by the passage of our carriage, and, plunged into boundless astonishment, unable to believe in the reality of all that had happened to me, I sat silently, allowing the time to pass. At the end of about an hour, a sense of freshness on my forehead suddenly aroused me from the torpor into which I had sunk by degrees.

ILL NIGH UNTO DEATH.

THE EXPERIENCE OF A LADY WELL KNOWN IN CANTON.

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much into death. The best of medical aid was summoned, and Mrs. Hartwell was saved from what seemed to her friends imminent death but when convalescence came she remained deprived of her appetite, extremely weak, and to constant danger of a relapse and all her physicians failed to do anything about her former condition of health. Numerous medicines were tried but to no avail, she was weak, dispirited and despaired of again enjoying her former vigor and health. For a whole year after her attack of pneumonia she continued to languish in this state. At last they had her husband purchase a few boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He had read of the many cures wrought by this wonderful medicine but procured them he says, for his wife in order to be able to say "we have tried all rather than from a mere whim. As soon as she had her husband's Pink Pills she was strongly convinced to take the Pink Pills, and great was her surprise and that of her husband when, after taking three boxes she was able to take a short ride without feeling any fatigue. She wisely resolved to continue the treatment, and before long found that she had regained her old time strength and she declared that she owes her recovery entirely to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. A slight relapse of her former weakness and again resorted to Pink Pills, since which time she has not had a day's illness.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have a more potent influence on the blood and nerves than any other known medicine, and speedily restore the bloom of health to faded cheeks. Pink Pills cure when all other medicines fail. Sold by all druggists or sent by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., or Schenectady, N. Y. Refuse all substitutes alleged to be just as good.

Inaugural Meeting of the School Board.

The inaugural meeting of the Separate School Board was held on the evening of the 7th. There were present:

Very Rev. J. J. McCann, Rev. Frs. Hand, Rohleder, O'ruis, Carberry and McEntee, and Messrs. W. Ray, C. Flanagan, M. Walsh, D. A. Caroy, J. Ryan and P. J. Mulqueen.

The principal business of the evening was the election of officers. This resulted as follows:

Chairman, Rev. J. J. McCann, V. G.; Secretary, Rev. Father Rohleder; Asst. Secretary, Mr. L. J. Hall; Local Superintendent, Mr. George C. Carberry; Local Inspector, Rev. Bro. O'ruis; Solicitor, Mr. J. J. O'Connell; Auditors, Messrs. J. R. Mallon and D. A. Caroy; Representative to the High School Board, Mr. W. Mallon; Representative to the Free Library Board, Mr. H. T. Kelly.

The standing committees were struck as follows, the first name given being the chairman in each case:

Finance—Rev. Father Cruise and Messrs. Mulqueen and Flanagan. Management Rev. Father Hand and Messrs. Ray and Caroy. Sites and Buildings—Mr. J. Ryan, Frs. McEntee and Carberry and Messrs. Walsh and Min Queen.

The Finance Committee recommended the payment of a number of accounts amounting to \$308.04.

The report of the standing committee on Building and Sites recommended that two gates be placed in the front fence of St. Francis' School; that a boarded partition be placed in the sisters' room in St. Patrick's School, and that in the rear room in the Caor Howell street School the sheeting be extended around the room to correspond with the old work. The report was adopted and the committee was also authorized to ascertain the cause of the flaking of the base ment of the St. Francis School.

COLE AND FISKE DIFFERENT.—Mr. J. W. Wilder, J. P., Ingersoll, N. Y., writes: "I am subject to severe attacks of Colic and Kidney Difficulty, and find Paroelco's Pills afford no great relief. Unlike all other remedies have failed. They are the best medicine I have ever used." In fact so great is the power of this medicine to cleanse and purify that diseases of almost every name and nature are driven from the body.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Catholic Register.

DEAR SIR—Merely as a New Year's suggestion might I ask you through your columns to invite one member of every Catholic family who reads your interesting budget and who receives a Catholic weekly newspaper that they would upon reading same send it free post to some Protestant friend or neighbor and continue this good practice during every week in the year. The cost is very nominal and affords an opportunity, at very little trouble or expense, for Catholics to spread Catholic truth and information to their Protestant neighbors, a work, that in view of the present anti-Catholic agitation would surely bring forth good fruit and may perhaps, under God, be the means of bringing many into our Holy Church. Faithfully yours, CONVENT.

No family living in a frigid country should be without Paroelco's Vegetable Pills. A few Liver pills now and then will keep the bowels active, cleanse the stomach and bowels from all bilious matter and prevent Ague. Mr. J. P. Price, Shoals, Martin Co., Ind., writes: "I have tried a box of Paroelco's Pills and find them the best medicine for Fever and Ague I have ever used."