

The Motherland

Latest Mails from
ENGLAND
IRELAND and
SCOTLAND

Attrim.
The death is announced of Lieutenent A. J. M. Higginson, 1st Rifle, from wounds received a few days ago in the action at Marzar. The deceased officer was second son of the late Sir C. H. Higginson, Springmount, county Antrim, and grandson of the late Sir J. M. Higginson, K.O.D.

Cire.
An influential public meeting of clergy and laity was held in the Marzot House, Kildruss, in furtherance of the demand on Government for a grant for deepening the Kilrush Creek, with a view to a greater accommodation for shipping in the port, the want of which retards its commercial advancement.

The most grave apprehensions are now entertained throughout West Clare regarding the harvest prospects, owing to the almost continuous down pour of rain during the past fortnight or three weeks. At the present moment the crops are in a most serious condition, and especially the potato and hay crops. The blight has well taken hold of the crop all along, while good deals of the potato are black to the ground.

Cork.
The Very Rev. J. Zimmerman, Superior of the Holy Family College, Cork, is prepared to receive some fifty boys for the African missions. They will receive a four years' course in Cork and thence will be sent to the Motherhouse at Lyons, France, where they will finish their course for the priesthood. The conditions of reception are, first, a desire to consecrate their lives in this abandoned vineyard of the Lord, where over 200,000 souls are sitting in the shadow of death and paganism; second, a sound constitution; third, a fair education; fourth, the age is from 16 to 20, but some exceptions are made in deserving cases; fifth, a fee of £24 is required, and this covers the entire expense of the eight years in college, but no deserving boy will be debarred from entering on account of lack of means. Fifty young ladies will also be received for the Sisterhood of the missions. The terms are very easy. The Irish novitiate for the students is situated in the most healthy and beautiful suburb of Cork city. Particulars may be had from the Superior of the College.

Carlise.
The Freeman's Journal says the Nationalists of Carlise have in hand a project for honoring the graves of "the Rebels" killed in the battle of Carlise in 1798, or murdered after wards. Upwards of six hundred of the patriots were flung into a common grave, contemptuously named "Droppy Hole." That name alone commemorated the dead. Eight years ago a movement was started by the Gaelic Clubs to enclose the place. That has been done and the graves preserved from further desecration. Now it is proposed to raise a monument to "the Rebels." About £100 will suffice for the plans decided upon.

Berry.
A number of laborers at work in a field near Manorcunningham, about 12 miles from the city of Derry, have made a remarkable discovery and one that is sure to attract the attention of antiquaries. At the depth of several feet they came on a flagstone which on being removed disclosed an underground passage that led to a stable with stalls for 20 horses. Ancient implements of warfare were lying about. Crowds are flocking to the place in wonderment at the curious sight.

Most Rev. Dr. Leonard, Bishop of Cape Town, South Africa, passed through Derry city on his way from Moville to Belfast. He called on his Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherly, and paid a brief visit to the Nazareth House. Dr. Leonard has the honor of being a pioneer Bishop in South Africa. It is 80 years since he sailed from Dublin to take up his important mission under the Southern Cross, and the immense strides which Catholicity has taken in the Cape are due in great measure to his efforts. He has now 85 priests under him, and there are four Dominican convents and two convents of Nazareth in his diocese, which is about three times as big as all Ireland. One of his priests is Dr. Kolbe, a distinguished convert.

ENGLAND.
A New Zealand Bishop.
The Catholic Bishop of Christ Church, New Zealand, the Right Rev. J. J. Grimms, has arrived in London and is the guest of the Marist Fathers in Leicester place, Leicester square.

Arrival of Cardinal Perraud.
Cardinal Perraud, Bishop of Autun, has arrived in London, where he is to speak on September 12th, on the occasion of the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the landing of Saint Augustine on English soil. Cardinal Perraud will also speak at Canterbury on September 16th.

totally different view, and when appealed to promptly sent a cheque for a subscription only, but for the entire cost. At the dedication Lord Iveagh was present, and Lord Ardilaun was not.

Surrounded by most auspicious circumstances and with every advantage save good weather, the Dublin Horse Show of 1897, opened on August 24th at Ballsbridge. During the past decade each succeeding exhibition has excelled its predecessor. The entries number 1,418, the highest ever recorded, and being 100 in excess of any previous year's record. Perhaps the greatest advance that has been made in connection with the Show is the worldwide interest which it has attracted, and which is becoming more marked and striking every year. The great feature of the Show, and from which of course it derives its title, is the exhibition of horses, and the quality of these animals taken all round shows improvement.

On a depositions made by a process server named Duggan, from Gort, in this county, John Mahon, a butcher of Maignard street, Galway, was prosecuted at the suit of the police for stabbing. It appeared from the evidence, which took a considerable time in hearing, that Duggan, accompanied by his wife and son, a boy apparently now 13 or 14 years of age, came into the house of Mahon. The depositions, according to the solicitor, was obtained in the county, and had no force in the borough. Duggan admitted he was drunk when he went to Mahon's house, and Mahon stated on oath that Duggan demanded £5, although the depositions were only for a sum of £2 and some shillings. A dispute arose, and the parties got into bad grips. The court decided to dismiss the charge of stabbing, and the process server was fined 10s and costs for assaulting Mahon and 1s for drunkenness. His son was fined 2s 6d for kicking Mahon.

King's County.
General regret is experienced throughout King's County and North Tipperary at the death of Mr. George John Minchin, D.L., Dusharwater House, which occurred during the past week after a protracted illness. Mr. Minchin was a Unionist in politics, but had the reputation of being a kindly and indulgent landlord, and even in the most stirring days of the agrarian agitation none but the most cordial relations existed between him and his numerous tenants. His death recalls one of the most sensational murders of the past decade, with which his name became more or less prominently associated, viz., that of Denis O'Connell, who was tried so often in connection with a Kerry murder during the Balfour coercion regime. O'Connell was arraigned at the Leinster Winter Assizes in 1859, before Mr. Justice O'Brien and a special jury, on which occasion eleven of the jury were in favor of a conviction, and Mr. Minchin was the one dissident. Death has removed one of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of the Tullamore district in the person of Mr. David Gorry, Capparoe. The deceased was a well known figure in North King's County, where he was an extensive farmer, in addition to which he occupied the responsible position of rate collector to the Tullamore Union.

Tipperary.
The Ballywilliam Creamery, situated about four miles from Nenagh and one of the most important and flourishing branches of the Agricultural Improvement Organization in the country, was broken into and the machinery, utensils, etc., either willfully damaged or stolen from the premises. Information of the occurrence was communicated to the police and Head-Constable Horgan.

After searching all day the missing machinery was discovered covered up in a heap of manure, half a mile away from the creamery. The separators were worth about £10 each.

Wexford.
Mr. Robert Codd, Lettermore, Kill muckridge, was found lying in the lane close by his house, with his throat cut, and a blood-stained razor protruding from his right hand pocket.

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Deaths of Dumfries.
Miss Jessie M'Kie, of Dumfries, and Mr. A. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, were yesterday made burgoes of Dumfries. Miss M'Kie is the third lady in the United Kingdom and the first in Scotland to receive the distinction. It was recorded that the ticket was granted to Mr. Balfour for his statesmanship, eminence in literature and learning, and honorable influence among his fellow-men, and because of the honor he has brought his native land.

Catholic Education.
The results of the various examinations held in the Franciscan Convent, Clackmannan Street, Glasgow, have been received, and have been very successful. In the Aberdeen University Preliminary Examination seven students passed, one student gained a junior certificate, while two gained senior certificates. In the Leaving Certificate Examination, twenty-nine certificates were obtained from the Scotch Education Department. Ten pupils passed in the London College of Music Preliminary Examination, and a number of the pupils passed in the examination of freehand drawing, under the Science and Art Department.

A Noble Scottish Priest.
A noble instance of self-sacrifice is reported from the far north of Scotland in the details of the death of the Rev. George Rigg, Catholic priest of the parish of Dunrobin, in South Uist, one of the Outer Hebrides. The family of one of his parishioners, a Hebridean cottier, consisting of the man, his wife and child, were all attacked by typhus fever. The neighbors were loth to approach the cottage in which the stricken family lay ill, and for weeks, with the exception of the doctor, who paid his daily visit, the priest, unassisted, nursed the sick household. As a result, he contracted the fever in its worst form, and died a few days ago in the presence of his sister and the priest in charge of the other South Uist parish, who had both nursed him devotedly. Father Rigg was the nephew of the late Right Rev. George Rigg, D.D., Bishop of Dunkeld, and was a man of singular refinement and culture. To him his self-imposed duty must have proved extraordinarily trying, and he may truly be considered to have died a martyr to charity.

A Patriotic Speech.

On Wednesday last, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier was welcomed back to Ottawa, Sir Richard Cartwright as acting Premier made a speech, in the course of which he said: "I can well believe that the result of his visit to Europe will be repaid to us one hundred fold by the knowledge that is now being imparted of the resources and capabilities of the country to which we are proud and happy to belong. I will not deny that we have been favored by fortune on the present occasion, but that when the tide of fortune turns his way he has shown that he took occasion to profit by it to the very utmost. (Cheers.) I hope and believe in one important respect that a better era is dawning upon us, and that in future we will be able to conduct our political contests with less acerbity and bitterness than in the past, and that everyone in Canada, whether Catholic or Protestant, all creeds, will join together and unite with the purpose of promoting the welfare of our country. (Cheers.) Or perhaps some of you like myself, leaving a drop of Irish blood in your veins, will say with me "Canada good-bye" from now henceforth. (Cheers and laughter.) I am not here to

The Position of the Anglican Church.

The Daily News reminds the Archbishop of Canterbury in connection with the subject of his pretensions to an Anglican Patriarchate that he has not a scrap of authority in Scotland, or in any place outside England and Wales. Even in the province of York he is a mere stranger. Within his own province he is at most the interpreter, and in no sense the maker, of the law. From his decisions in strictly ecclesiastical matters an appeal lies to the Queen in Council. There has never been a more thoroughly Erastian Church than the Church of England. Its doctrines cannot be altered by any tribunal except Parliament, and Parliament can alter them as it pleases. These Churchmen are fond of distinguishing between the law of the Church and the law of the land. There is no such distinction, and there is no law of the Church. The Anglican attempt to blow hot and cold at the same time is ridiculous to all common-sense Protestants. Plenty of such plain speaking may, in time, convince High Church people that they are really Protestants. At present they seem to labor under the delusion that they are both Catholic and Protestant. How anybody can be both at the same time passes the wit of ordinary individuals.

Wilhelmina Wants a Prettier Prince.
Queen Wilhelmina, of the Netherlands, declines to accept the husband her mother and her mother's advisers have chosen for her. Although she has not said it in so many words, she evidently thinks that her cousin once removed, Prince Bernhard, of Saxony-Weimar-like Curran, the Irish actor, carries a man's privilege of being ugly a little too far; and rather than mate with him, she prefers to remain single for another couple of years. Even then she intends to follow the dictates of her own heart. This claim of the girl-sovereign to stand on an equality with the humblest of her subjects has raised quite a flutter of surprise among the Courts of Europe, and a feeling stronger than surprise among the Dutch themselves; but, inasmuch as one of their own and greatest of princes, William the Sixth's eldest son, told them nearly three centuries ago that, "it takes two to make either a marriage or a quarrel," they will have no alternative but to abide by their young Queen's decision.

Principal MacCabe's Address.

At the formal opening of the Ottawa Normal school Dr. MacCabe, LL.D., gave his inaugural address. The doctor took advantage of the occasion to welcome the students to the Capital, and especially to the Normal school. His address was brief and to the point. He said that attendance at the school involved a means and an end; the end was to fit the student for a better position in life. A great many sneered at the student when he started to teach, saying that he was only making the teaching profession a stepping-stone to something better. He had no sympathy whatever with those who looked upon the student as a mere stepping-stone. The student who made the teaching profession a stepping-stone to something beyond was, in his opinion, to be commended. Beyond all the teaching profession moulds character, and this is the most important point in the life of any person. There were three classes of students—those who worked for honors; those who simply kept up with the work, and those who worked not for the gold medal or for a total of 75 per cent. on their examination, but for the honor of having done their best, and having done this were better satisfied than any of the others. The above is but a brief condensation of Principal MacCabe's eloquent address.

Couldn't Bello's in the Devil.

In his recently published diary, Sir M. E. Grant Duff tells an amusing anecdote of Carlyle and Emerson, related to him by Kingsley: "The most despicable of philosophers had been terribly bored by the persistent optimism of his friend Emerson. 'I thought,' he said, 'that I would try to cure him, so I took him to some of the lowest parts of London, and showed him all that was going on there. This done I turned to him saying, 'And now, man, do you believe in the devil now?' 'Oh, no,' he replied, 'all these people seem to me only a part of the great machine and, on the whole, I think they are doing their work satisfactorily.' 'Then,' continued the sage, 'I took him down to the House of Commons, where they put us under the gallery. There I showed him the chief getting up after another day's sitting. 'The devil,' I said to him as he said, 'And now, man, do you believe in the devil now?' He made me, however, just the same answer as before, and then I gave him up in despair!'"

An Enthusiastic Bicyclist.

The Duchess of York has taken her bicycle to Ireland. The Duchess is an enthusiastic as well as a very graceful and expert cyclist, but the Duke does not care much for the wheel.

Mea Culpa. Cooty, Syracuse, N. Y., writes: "For years I could not eat many kinds of food without producing a burning, excruciating pain in my stomach. I took Parulo's Pills according to directions under the head of 'Dyspepsia or Indigestion.' One box entirely cured me. I can now eat anything I choose, without distressing me in the least. These Pills do not cause pain or griping, and should be used when a cathartic is required."

Echoes of Old Howth.

The visit of the Duke and Duchess of York, on August 22, to Howth, now occupied by the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, has awakened some historic echoes of the place in "The Freeman's Journal." In the ancient halls and noble woods of Howth Castle their Royal Highnesses saw one of the finest places in Ireland, while if they be of a contemplative mood they can muse over the tragic-comedy of "New Men and Old Acres," which is not the only play which the English Royalty has visited. Howth Castle they Royal Highnesses saw one of the finest places in Ireland, while if they be of a contemplative mood they can muse over the tragic-comedy of "New Men and Old Acres," which is not the only play which the English Royalty has visited. Howth Castle they Royal Highnesses saw one of the finest places in Ireland, while if they be of a contemplative mood they can muse over the tragic-comedy of "New Men and Old Acres," which is not the only play which the English Royalty has visited.

The Queen Greatly Pleased.

The special correspondent of the Westminster Gazette in Ireland telegraphs to his paper: "I hear that the Queen, to whom long telegrams are daily sent, is delighted with the respect accorded her grandfather, and it is not improbable, from what I hear, that her Majesty herself may make a communication of an important and gratifying kind to the Irish people."

Germany Aroused.

Berlin, Sept. 2.—It is asserted upon reliable authority that the German Government will demand from France an explanation of the despatch sent by M. Meine, the French Premier, in reply to the message of congratulation of the Alsace-Lorraine Society upon the signing of the Franco-Russian alliance, in which M. Meine expressed the hope of a reunion of Alsace-Lorraine with the French Republic. Germany, it is announced, also will demand satisfaction for the excesses committed before the German Embassy in Paris on the evening of President Faure's return from his visit to Russia.

Responsibility for Lives Lost Through Accident.

On August 24th the last scene connected with a terrible tragedy was enacted in Paris. Sentences were passed on several persons who were accused of having more or less indirectly been the cause of the recent Oranly Bazaar disaster, which so many valuable lives were lost. The defendants, who were prosecuted under the Prefect Ordinance Act, were Baron de Mackay, M. Bayle and M. Bagrachoff.

Sultan Watching Events.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 31.—The Sultan is following the events in India with the closest attention. He has ordered Turkish representatives in different countries to telegraph full reports of anything bearing on the situation without delay.

A Signboard near Shrowbury has the following classical inscription:

"All persons found fighting or trespassing on the ground will be executed with the utmost wicker of the law."

The Honors—nobles of the brute creation.

—when suffering from a cut, abrasion, or sore, dusting the sore with its mastic in a like direction from the healing, soothing action of Dr. THOMAS' ELECTRIC OIL. GUMMERS, swelling of the neck, stiffness of the joints, throat and lungs, are relieved by it.