THE MOTHER LAND.

Latest Mails from Ireland, England and Scotland.

Letter from Mr. Alfred Webb to His Waterford Constituents Vital Statistics of Ireland for the Past Year Address of Cardinal Vaughan at Liverpool—Death of a Famous Scottish Jesuit—An Interesting Budget of News.

Antrim.

A rather sad fatality has taken place at Blackwatertown, a short distance from Armagh by which a little girl of tender year named Mary Elizabeth Dobbin, lost her life. She got a 6 shilling silver piece into her mouth, and was struggling violently to get it out. When the doctor arrived on the scene, the child's mother had managed to get the coin out of her mouth, but the child almost immediately succumbed.

A Belfast despatch on the 27th says, Mr. De Cobain, formerly M. P. for East Belfast, was charged at Belfast with assaulting a woman named Sarah Murtagh, who, it was alleged, visited him concerning rent.

Sunday, the 22nd Sept. next, is the date fixed for the consecration of Most Rev. Dr. Henry, the Bishop-elect of Down and Connor. The solemn and impressive ceremony will take place in St. Patrick's church, Belfast, and the consecrating Prelate will be his Eminence Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland.

Armagh.

The Rev. W. F. Johnson, M.A., F.R.S., of Armagh, whose important collection of British insects has been secured for the Natural History Department of the Science and Art Museum at Dublin, has done more for the study of entomology in the Emerald Isle than any other living naturalist. As regards Coleoptera, he has succeeded in adding a considerable number to the Irish list, which, so far as his own observations go, contains two hundred and fifty or more species which do not appear to have been recorded from elsewhere in Ireland. He is the author of innumerable papers in the entomological and natural history magazines, and he also rendered very great assistance to Canon Fowler in the compilation of his well-known work on "Coleoptera of the British Isles.

Cork.

A Queenstown despatch says, two bodies were discovered on the 26th, floating in the harbour. They are no doubt the bodies of Cornelius Beamish and Henry Beamish, who, with their father, John Beamish, were drowned recently in the vicinity of Roche's Point, through the foundering of their little yacht during a gale of wind. Both bodies were found adjacent to Cuskinny Bay.

At Macroom Petty Sessions on the 29th District-Inspector Bonâss, Millstreet, charged John Cronin, a farmer residing at Horsemount, Ballinagree, with having, between the 20th and 23rd of August last, put in a field a quantity of cabbages in which were stuck needles, pins, portions of hairpins, and pieces of iron, with intent to injure the cows of James Sullivan.

The mackerel fishery around Skibbereen has been attended with a degree of success that exceeded the most sanguine hopes of all interested.

Dublin.

Mr. Alfred Webb, left on the 27th to take steamer for Melbourne, thus carrying out a plan of travel he has for some years contemplated. In conversation he expresses himself more strongly convinced than ever of the necessity and desirability of Home Rule; and he is particularly hard on those inclined to attribute present trials or disagreements to any other than their true source—the weakening effects of the Act of Union.

The thirty-first annual report of the Registrar-General for Ireland is issued. It shows that during the year 1894 the marriages registered in Ireland were 21,602, the births 105,354, and the deaths 83,528. The marriage rate was somewhat above the average for the preceding ten years, the birth rate showed a small decline, and the death rate a slight increase. The estimated population in the middle of the year was 4,690,599. Of the children born during the year 53,922 were boys and 51,432 girls. 102,470 or 97.3 per cent. were legitimate and 2,884 or 2.7 per cent. were illegitimate, which, says the Registrar-General, it is unnecessary to say compares very favourably with the returns for most other countries. Comparing the provinces it is seen that the percentage of children born in Ulster who were illegitimate was 3.9, in Leinster 2.7, in Munster 2.2, and in Connaught 0.7

Lady Cadogan, the wife of the new Lord Lieutenant, is a perfect horsewoman.

The Irish pilgrims to Lourdes and Montmartre left Dublin on the 27th by the L and NW 9 30 boat from North Wall. They numbered about a hundred, including several clergymen. The party are very representative and come from all parts of Ireland. A large addition to the party will meet the pilgrims in England, and some of the best known of the priests of the archdiocese of Westminster will travel with the Irish pilgrims to Lourdes. The American and Irish pilgrims will meet at Montmartre, the later under the care of the Fathers of Mercy, and another French party will also be met there organized by the Passionist Fathers of Paris, so that the united parties at the Montmartre celebrations will number between three and four hundred. Father Ring was early at the North Wall and personally looked after the comfort of each member of the party as he or she arrived. Mr. Moore, of Cook's, was also present and assisted Father Ring in looking after the arrangements. The pilgrims wore the badges of the steamer, the men with gold medallions in their button-holes, and the ladies with white silk ribbons and medals around the neck. The morning was beautiful, and the party set off under the happiest auspices.

The Dublin Horse show which opened on the 26th is pronounced the greatest ever yet held by all accounts, and given fair weather nothing is likely to surpass its record.

Mrs Lat Touche, of No. 1 Ely Place Dublin, who was accidently thrown out of her trap on the 19th inst, died at St. Vincent's Hospital on the 25th.

Galway.

Advices from South Afrca just received at Eyrecourt, Co. Galway, a few miles from town, announce that Mr. Arthur Eyre, eldest son of the late well-known Colonel Eyre, has succeeded, after a prolonged and perilous chase, in capturing a colossal white rhinoceros, which is believed to be the last or one of the last of its species. It appears that a long time since Mr. Cecil Rhodes was requisitioned by the authorities of the South African Museum to secure if possible a complete specimen of the very rare and nearly extinct white rhinoceros Mr. Rhodes promised to comply if it were possible, and every effort was made to secure the object in view but unsuccessfully, until Mr. Eyre, who was in the country, volunteered to try his skill.

Kerry.

The cycling correspondent of the Sunday Times describing a cycling tour in Ireland, writes with reference to the Kerry highlands: "But however much you resign yourself into your hotelkeeper's hands at Killarney, you must redeem your reputation as a cyclist by making the tour of the 'Kerry Ring,' that wondrous circuit of grandest scenery round the coast lines of the three kingdoms. Ride first to Kenmare, and then diverge to Sneem, not forgetting to note the beautiful bridge over the Blackwater, or to climb over the wall near by, and view the mouth of the river. Kenmare to Sneem is as fine a ride as one could wish for anywhere. From Sneem ride on to Caherdaniel and Waterville. No bay round the English coast can be mentioned in the same breath as that at Waterville, which is a little paradise set in a magnificent environment. While there Valentia Island should be visited. Then the road to Cahirciveen should be followed, and thenceforward the way lies through Glenbeigh and Killorglin back to Killarney, a splendid panorama unfolding itself nearly the whole way. Until lately few but cyclists and anglers knew of this magnificent circuit, but it was not to be lost to the world, and a line of railway has been laid part of the way round, and coaches complete the journey. It is 'the boom' of 1895."

Louth.

The foundation stone for the new convent for the Sisters of Mercy consequent on their introduction as nurses to the Drogheda Union Hospital was laid by the Chairman of the Board, Mr Thomas Malone on the 25th. The stone was blessed by Very Rev. John Curry, P.P., St. Mary's. Father Curry in the course of a few appropriate remarks congratulated all concerned on the practical step taken in the introduction of the nuns that day.

The building of a new Catholic church at Ferbane, which has been in progress for some time past, is advancing speedily towards completion, and after a brief period will be added to the list of the Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise. For many years the old church had been found quite inadequate to supply the requirements of the parish, and in spite of the many difficulties and weighty obstacles which the building of a new structure entails, the esteemed pastor, Very Rev. Canon Sheridan, heroically faced the heavy undertaking, confident that Providence, who always assists a meritorious work, would come to his aid. Accordingly he procured plans and specifications from that eminent Irish architect, Mr. William Hague, Dublin, for the erection of a church which will not only be a lasting memorial to the worthy Canon's pious zeal, but will be looked upon with pride by generations yet unborn.

Limerick.

The Limerick Leader says:—The Ennis Workhouse can boast of having as one of its inmates a prodigy of obesity, if not of valour, something akin to Shakespeare's Merry Knight, that probably no other institution in the Kingdom could produce. Martin Blake Bolster, who was born in the house, is one of the curious type of humanity we rarely meet with. His height corresponds as nearly as possible with his bulk, and a striking coincidence is that his weight tallies exactly with his age, the 1st August being his last birthday (24), and on that day he turned the scale at 24 stone. In facial appearance he is very presentable, with ruddy complexion and closely cropped black beard. With the exception of this fatty development there is nothing uncommon in his physical proportions. He says he would be very glad to exchange the monotonous workhouse life for an exhibition tour if any showman would take him in hand.

On the 26th during the evening devotions at St. John's Cathedral the worshippers were disturbed by a man named James Wells, an American army reserve man, who originally belonged to the county Kerry. When the Rev. Father Fitzgerald ascended the fulpit to preach Wells became very excited, and kept interrupting the rev. gentleman to such an extent that he could not proceed till Wells had been removed.

Longford.

Information has been received at Longford of threatened evictions on the part of Lady Granard. It is generally known, the Granard estate is heavily encumbered, and the trustees of Maynooth College are the mortgagees. About two years ago the tenants entered into negotiations with the mortgagees to purchase their holdings while Lady Granard struggled to purchase the entire estate, and offered £100 more than the peasants. But the trustees of Maynooth, recognising the generous offer of the tenants, and knowing their impoverised condition, stayed the hand of Lady Granard in the anticipation of some settlement being come to.

Mr. James Patrick Farrell, who was returned unopposed for West Cavan on Monday in the room of Mr. Vesey Knox, elected also for Londonderry City, is a journalist, and lives at Longford, where he was born in 1865. He was educated at St. Mel's College, and became associated with Nationalist politics both as a writer in the Irish provincial press and as a speaker. Six years ago he underwent imprisonment for a speech delivered in his native county that was in contravention of the Crimes Act. He is an Anti Parnellite, contested Kilkenny City last month, and was beaten by Mr. Patrick O Brien.

Mayo.

At a regatta held on the 29th at Inishkerrin on the Connemara coast, two brothers named O Flaherty, who were competing in a canoe race, capsized the boat and were precipitated into the sea. One of them was drowned, and up to the present there has been no trace either of the body or of the canoe.

Sligo.

At the Coolaney, County Sligo, Petty Sessions Court on the 25th District Inspector Thompson, R.I.C., appeared to prosecute a man named Wm. Moffat on the charge of having on the night of the 21st June last fired several shots into the house of a man named Finnegan, who resides at Knockadoo, near Coolaney. Finnegan came forward and in reply to the District Inspector said that defendant came to his house on the night alleged, and fired into it.

On cross examination by Mr. McCarthy, solicitor for the defendant, witness said he did not recollect having made a deposition before Captain O'Hara, J. P. Annaghmore, on the 18th July, in which he charged two men named Adrew Finnegan and Pat Moffat, with the offence. Mr. McCarthy then produced the deposition in which it appeared that witness swore positively against the men Finnegan and Moffat, and not against the defendant. Sergeant Feeley also swore that he was present at the making of the deposition all knowledge of which witness now denied. Mr. Hemi, in dismissing the case, said it was increditable that a man should swear as witness did. He would dismiss the case on its merits.

The funeral obsequies of Rev. E. White, P P, the late lamented pastor of Tarmonbarry, whose death took place on the 20th were celebrated in the parish church, Tarmonbarry. The sacred ceremonies commenced at 11 o'clock. After the solemn Office had been recited, the High Mass de Requiem was celebrated by his Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin. He was assisted by Rev. Father Morgan as deacon. Rev. Father Dooley as subdeacon, and Rev. –Martin, the College Sligo as master of ceremonies.

Tipperary.

On the 27th says a Templemore correspondent an evicted tenant Rody Gleeson was arrested, as he refused to find bail for his future conduct. He was conveyed under a police escort to undergo one month's imprisonment in Clonmel Jail. It is clear that with the advent of a Tory Government to power the most drastic section of the Balfour Coercion Act is virtually in force. Much sympathy is felt for Gleeson, who has now been compelled to leave the bedside of his eldest daughter, who lies ill with fever. Two more of his children are in the fever hospital.

The following communication has been received by Mr. W. H. Carroll, Munster and Leinster Bank, one of the promoters of the testimonial to J. M. Ryan, the Irish champion high jumper:

"THE PALACE, THURLES,
August 24th, 1895.

"MY DEAR MR. CARROLL—I have just learned, and with much satisfaction, that you and other Tipperary friends are starting a testimonial to Mr. Ryan, to testify your admiration of him as High Jump Champion of the World. About to leave home, I have only time to say that I wish the movment every success, and enclose my subscription of two guineas towards the contemplated fund.

"I remain, my dear Mr. Carroll,
"Yours very faithfully,
"✠ T. W. CROKE,
"Archbishop of Cashel."

"W. H. Carroll, Esq."

Waterford.

The following letter was read at the meeting of the Dungarvan Board of Guardians (Mr. Edward O'Shea presiding) from Mr. Alfred Webb:

"9 GARVILLE ROAD, DUBLIN.

"DEAR MR. DOWER—Yours of the 23rd to hand, enclosing resolution regarding my retirement from Parliament, passed by the board of your union on the previous day. Permit me to thank Mr. O'Shea, your chairman, for having proposed it; Mr. Power, the seconder; and the other members present, and approving. And let me say that I honour Mr Keohan for openly dissenting when he could not approve. The resolution is but another instance of the unfriendliness that has been extended to me during my representation of the division. West Waterford embraces some of the loveliest scenery in Ireland. My experience of the spirit, patriotism and judgment of your people have been of a pleasing character. I shall always regard it as a cause for thankfulness and pride that I have for so many years represented it in Parliament—would that it had been in our own Parliament!

"This is not the occasion upon which to discuss the situation in Ireland, or particularly to enter into the reasons for my taking such a momentous step. I may, however, make one comment. You all have largely to do with money affairs, and you are qualified to appreciate any force that may be in it. I have known many careful undertakings injured by the misapplication of or malversation of funds. I have known others lowered in the estimation of the outside public by false outside accusations. But this Irish cause of ours is the first I have heard of being damaged to the verge of ruin by absolutely senseless statements from within as to the sources from which money was received and the manner in which it was spent—statements made by those whose patent interest it was not to make them—statements not clearly and fully condemned by those whose interests and whose honour and the honour of whose country were involved in condemning them clearly and fully.

"Again thanking you all, I am sincerely,
"ALFRED WEBB."

Father Henebry, whose appointment to the Celtic professorship in the Catholic University of America is announced, is a native of Portlaw, County Waterford, and was ordained in 1892. Native, and to the manner born, Irish was the first language he spoke, and he has so thoroughly mastered the ancient language and literature of his country as to rank amongst the first Celtic philologists of the day. During his time in Maynooth Father Henebry had access to the finest collection of manuscrips of modern Irish in existence. It was formed by the Right Rev. Dr. Murphy, Bishop of Cork, an enthusiastic book collector, and was added to by the Very Rev. Dr. Renehan, President of Maynooth. He made the best use of his opportunities, and acquired from this valuable collection his vocabulary and knowledge of Irish idioms, unequalled probably since the time of O Donovan. The eminent Irish archæologist Bishop Murphy, who spent a fortune on books, employed the whole family of the O Longans in transcribing.

England.

Mother Superior of the Sacre Cœur.

The Community of the Sacre Cœur, meeting on Sunday, under the presidency of the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris, elected Mother Digby to be Superior of the Order in place of Mother Sorterious, deceased. She is an Englishwoman by birth, being a member of the family of which Lord Digby is the head, but, contrary to public expectation, this fact did not operate against her claims.

Conversion of Lole Fuller.

Loie Fuller, the American actress, has become a Catholic. An Irish priest named Father Matthews received her into the Church.

The Pope and Bible Study.

Rev. Kenelm Vaughan, having presented to the Holy Father, Leo XIII., a copy of his "Scripture Text Book," has received from his Eminence Cardinal Rampolla the following letter:

"From Secretary's Office.

"The Holy Father has directed me to thank you in his name for the copy which you sent to him of your book, entitled 'Scripture Text-Book,' and to assure you that he is much pleased with the care which you have taken to comply with the exhortation contained in the Encyclical on Biblical Studies. In fulfilling with real pleasure this venerated command of his Holiness, I have to add that he affectionately sends you his Apostolic blessing. Thanking you also for the copy of your book which you have kindly presented to me, I am, with much esteem, your devoted servant, ✠ M. CARDINAL RAMPOLLA."

The Mostyns of Talacre.

The rejoicings in Flintshire over the birth of a son and heir to Sir Pyers Mostyn, Bart., will be long remembered as the descent, in the direct line, from father to son of a famous Welsh family is thus secured. The Mostyns of Talacre, like the Mostyns of Mostyn, are directly descended from Tudor Trevor, who was Earl of Hereford before the Norman Conquest. The Talacre family are the senior branch of the old stock, whilst Lord Mostyn comes from the junior branch. One of the ancestors was Richard, Lord of Mostyn, the loyal subject of Henry VII. who having sheltered the king at Mostyn Hall, afterward received on the Field of Bosworth his Majesty's sword belt in recognition of his fealty. Sir Pyers Mostyn's grandfather was an ardent Eisteddfodur, and had the honor in 1832 of entertaining the Queen's uncle, the Duke of Sussex, during the Denbigh Eisteddod. At Talacre Hall there is a pretty private Catholic Oratory. The mansion was re-built at the beginnig of the present century and commands a full view of the river Dee.

The English Martyrs.

The Catholics of Monmouth and neighborhood paid their annual pilgrimage to the tomb of the venerable martyr, Father Kemble, on the octave day of the Assumption, Thursday, the 22nd inst. At the invitation of the Rev. J. B. Mooro, Rev. George Cormack, of Cardiff, celebrated Mass in the morning at the altar used by the martyr, and with his chalice and missal which are reverently preserved at Monmouth. In the afternoon the people assembled round the churchyard cross, at the foot of which in Welsh Nowton parish Father Kemble's remains have rested since 1679. Father Cormack, in cassock, surplice, and stole preached from the steps of the cross by the tomb, which was with affectionate piety decked with floral weathes and crosses. Amongst other things he remarked as follows: "No child of the ancient Church of this land can in these days stand by this grave in this quiet churchyard and think of the headless trunk that lies buried beneath, without musing in wonder and admiration at the heroism with which our Catholic forefathers worshipped God according to their conscience at the risk of property, of liborty, and dear life. Neither Tudor, nor Parliament, nor Stewart sparered the sword for a whole century and a half. The venerable Father Kemble, whose name was held here in general benediction both among Catholics and Protestants, was happy in two circumstances of his martyrdom—1st. In his trial there was no confusion of the issue; he was arraigned and condemned on the sole charge of his priestly character; both Bates and Bedloe, with whom he was confronted, declined to identify him with their pretended Catholic plot. 2nd. Through the influence of friends his body was, after the head had been cut off, spared further mutilation, and was borne here to a resting-place near his own people of Herefordshire and Monmouthshire, to be a center of comfort, inspiration, and devotion, and a rallying place from year to year for those pious pilgrimages which for more than two centuries have continued to perpetuate the memory of his courage and Christian life. Those Protestants who witnessed Father Kemble's martyrdom declare they never saw one die so like a gentleman, and so like a Christian; every true Christian is gentle. Father Kemble is before all else an example and incitement to gentleness and Christian steadfastness.

Ransomers at Holywell.

The Guild of Ransom, in their pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Winefride last week, had a happy time. The Rev. Father Fletcher, the Master of the Guild has been a prominent figure of late in the quaint old town of Holywell, where he is becoming well-known, and the pretty badge of the Ransomers is everywhere seen. On Wednesday evening the Ransomers and other pilgrims attended Benediction in the church, and afterwards assembled at St. Winefride's Hall, where a short address was delivered by Father Fletcher, in the course of which he said their guild was an association to pray for the conversion of England, and in their procession to the well they should always pray for the poor sufferers who came to this holy spot and thank God for the countless blessings, both spiritual and temporal, which He had granted at Holywell, and the many wonderful cures He had performed through the intercession of St. Winefride. They must pray that England might once more be the seat of peace, and that our men might once more be united in the faith. In the past the enemies of God had ruined not only their churches and abbeys, but what was more terrible the faith of the people had been ruined, too, at the Reformation. The state of England now in matters of religion was an absolute and entire confusion of thought and doctrine. As they went forth on their procession let them pray that God would be pleased once more to build up the faith in this land.

Catholic Boys for Temperance.

At the League of the Cross annual demonstration at the Crystal Palace, London, on Monday, the 26th of August, there was a very large gathering, which filled the building, as it is seldom filled in the course of the year. From every part of London, north and south, came large contingents of men and women and children with the full complement of bands and banners. The High Level Station at the Palace Gates presented a spectacle to be long remembered as train after train emptied itself of its living freight. The platforms were thronged to suffocation, and the chance visitor must have found a hard job to push his way through the dense masses that were gathered at the station, there to form into some sort of unwieldy column, and march on the Palace.

Cardinal Vaughan in Liverpool

The Benedictine Church of St. Anne, Edge Hill, Liverpool, presented a festive appearance, both internally and externally, on Sunday, the 25th of August, the occasion being the long promised visit of His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. From the summit of the tower waved the Papal flag while the approaches to the main entrance were decorated with festoons of bright colored bunting and armorial escutcheons flanking either side of the outer gate. The Cardinal-Archbishop, who preached on the subject of prayer, said Our Lord has passed from this earth and cannot any longer be fed and clothed as when He lived amongst us; but there is one thing that we can do for Him which will please Him, and that is, we can love and serve our neighbour for His sake, and if we do this we may be perfectly certain that we have the love of God in our hearts. We have this test, if we are doing the will of God as made known to us by His commandments and His personal inspirations to each one of us, and if also, we serve our neighbour, sacrificing ourselves for the good of our fellow-creatures for God's sake, we may confidently hope that we may have God coming to us and taking possession of our hearts more and more, and the more frequently we say the prayer he alluded to—and it is a very short prayer—the more constantly will God hear that prayer and grant it, and we shall become at last so filled so charmed, with the love of God that it will be the prevailing sentiment, the very motive of our words and works during the course of our life. There is nothing more blessed, nothing happier, nothing more advantageous, nothing more glorious to ourselves and nothing more glorifying to God than that we should be filled with His divine love. It simply depends upon us, because Our Lord has made a formal promise, that if we ask for such a gift as this, if we persevere in asking for it He has bound Himself publicly in His Gospel and before the whole world, He has bound and pledged His blessed word, to hear our prayer.

The New Welsh Vicariate.

It has been finally arranged that Dr. Mostyn will be consecrated Titular Bishop of Ascalon in Palestine, and Vicar-Apostolic of Wales, on Saturday, September 14th, at the Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Price street, Birkenhead, by His Eminence Cardinal Vaughan, who will be assisted by the Bishops of Newport and Menevia and Shrewsbury. He will say his first Pontifical High Mass at that church on the next day, and afterwards take up his residence at St. Mary's, Wrexham, of which his cousin, Mgr. Slaughter, who will act as secretary, will have charge, with Rev. D. Cummins as Assistant Priest.

Scotland.

St. Andrew's, Braemar.

On Sunday the 25th, the feast of St. Bartholomew, Ap., "Missa Cantata" was sung by the Very Rev. Canon Paul, while an eloquent sermon was preached by Father Andrew Graut, a native of Braemar, lately returned from Scots College, Rome. The way in which he introduced the story of the death of an ex-papal Zouave on the field of Gravelotte, in the course of his discourse brought a tear to the eyes of several. There was a large attendance including several Protestants, amongst whom was Lady Alfred Churchill, a frequent visitor to Braemar. Canon Paul left for his holidays the beginning of last week, but, unfortunately, through unforseen circumstances, he had to return on Saturday.

Help the Fallen of Dalbeth.

The devoted Sisters of the Good Shepherd at Dalbeth Magdalen Institution, say that during the last year, through want of accommodation and means of support, over one hundred fallen women, anxious to reform their miserable lives, were refused admission to the refuge, and that the deficit on the year's working account was £869 8s. 8d. Hitherto the home, though admirably managed, has not been a diocesan institution, and it has suffered in a measure thereby. Now, however, we are glad to see that clergy and laity are combining together to aid in so meritorious a work, and that his Grace Archbishop Eyre has approved of their efforts and encouraged them in their endeavours. We trust the aid will be efficacious and permanent. A general committee will assist the nuns in the management of the institution and in the collection of alms.

Father Stephens in Glasgow.

St. Francis' Young Men's Society embarked on a great and distinctively novel undertaking in engaging the Grand National Halls, Glasgow, for a Sunday lecture, but happily the experiment was very successful. This was, no doubt, mainly due to the popularity of the rev. lecturer, the Rev. D. Stephens, of Letterkenny, and to the energy of Father Ambrose and the committee. An audience numbering over 1,000 attended, and amongst those present were Rev. Fathers Coyle, Donegal; Bernardine, O.S.F. Dr. Ambrose, O.S.F., who presided, introduced Father Stephens. The larger portion of the Irishmen of Glasgow came from Donegal, and they remembered that Father Stephens was twice imprisoned by Mr. Balfour because he stood up for justice to the evicted tenants. The resources of civilization were used to persecute one of the pioneers of civilization. He (the chairman) could speak more freely of his sterling character and his devotion to the people because, though Irish to the core, he did not belong to the Irish priesthood, whose spirit and patriotism was as undying as of yore (applause). The subject of the lecture, too, was congenial, for Columbkill was the first fruit of St. Patrick's Apostolate, and he represented the gratitude of the Irish race.

Rev. Henry Schomberg Kerr, S.J.

A telegram from South Africa, dated on the eighteenth of last month, announces the death of Father Henry Schomberg Kerr, S.J., who in 1891 was appointed head of the Zambesi mission, and had labored since then with untiring zeal and energy in fulfilling the very serious duties of his charge. Father Kerr belonged to a noble Scotch family, which was not only well known in the history of the Lothians, but has contributed many converts to the Church, counting his own father and mother amongst them. He was the second son of Lord Henry Kerr, uncle to the present Marquess of Lothian, and of Lady Henry, the sister of Mr. Hope Scott, of Abbotsford. His elder brother, Father William Kerr, who is deeply versed in the mission of Wimbledon, entered the Society of Jesus about the same time. His sister, Mother Henrietta Kerr, predeceased him a few years ago at the Convent of the Sacre Cœur, Roehampton, where her memory is still preserved in especial benediction, and is well known to the many readers of her interesting memoirs published soon after the time of her death. Father Henry was also a nephew of the late Marchioness of Lothian, whose name speaks for itself, and he was also first cousin to Lord Ralph and Lord Walter Kerr, who besides being most faithful sons of the Church have been independently of all prejudice promoted to high positions in the two professions, military and naval, to which they belong.

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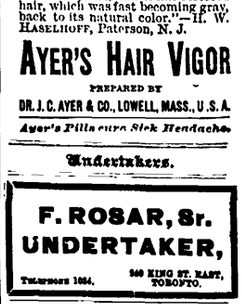

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—2 doors south.—