THOUGHTS FOR TO-NIGHT AND TO-MORROW

Beautiful lives are the best argument for Christianity.

Edna Lyall.

A vindictive temper is not only uneasy to others, but to them that have it.

NEWS-NOTES AND NOTIONS.

THE QUEEN AND THE RUSSIAN ROYAL FAMILY.

The Queen has been suffering from anxiety concerning her sister the Dowager Empress, and als her nephew the Czar of Russia. Of all the members of the Imperial Family, the Dowager Empress seems alone to have displayed anything like courage and fearlessness, during the tragedies enacted in the Russian capital. After the shots were fired at the Tsar from the saluting guns, she went out driving on purpose to show herself to the people, and it was only when matters began to assume some of the horrors of civil war that she was persuaded to retire into seclusion with the other members of the Imperial Family. The Dowager Empress has much more sternness and determination in her composition than has her son, the Tsar, over whom she exercises much the same influence as she had over her husband, the Emperor Alexander III. But her courage and prominence in the Imperial Councils, only subjects her to the greater danger of attack from the revolutionists, and Queen Alexandra does not disguise from herself that a very real peril hangs over the Russian Royal Family.

WAR OFFICE UP-TO-DATENESS.

The War Office announce that the annual dinner of the officers of the Ladysmith garrison will take place on "Tuesday, March 1." To the outside public Tuesday will be the last day of February, and the War Office has thus achieved the unique distinction of being a day ahead of the rest of the world.

TO SAVE THE SALMON.

Not even the extraordinary numbers of the salmon in the British Columbian rivers could be expected to hold out for ever against the drain of the fisheries and "canneries" as now conducted, and the Dominion Cabinet has taken a wise step in putting a drag upon the wheel. Fishing and canning will be prohibited altogether in 1903 and 1905, thus still permitting the industry to take advantage of the expected great salmon run in 1907. In addition to this wise step, the Cabinet has imposed a weekly close time of 36 hours.

IS THE CZAR A COWARD.

A lady who has seen a good deal of the home life of the Czar tells the "British Weekly" that she does not believe that his failure to meet his people face to face was due to cowardice. At the time of the Servian murders it was rumoured in the Palace at St. Petersburg that one of the Ministers had been so overwhelmed with terror that he ran away and hid himself in a dressing room. The Czar spoke with contempt of the Servian's supposed timidity. "I cannot understand," he said, "how anyone who fills a public post could hide himself from fear of death. I should not go as far as the next room to escape death." When, later on, the story was contradicted, and the papers told that the Servian Minister had met his fate courageously, the Czar expressed satisfaction, and said, "I am glad he died like a man."

"NAUGHTY" WORDS.

"Good Heavens!" "My lord!" and all similar interjections are becoming too common, says the Pennsylvania branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, "and besides being scandalous are nothing short of swearing."

THE HAIRPIN IN THE BOTTLE.

Lord Ardilaun tells this story of one of his tenants. The old man had been to Dublin for the first time in his life about a month before. He had been brought up in the country, and had no knowledge of the ways of town. But he had managed to enjoy himself pretty fairly, and to see most of the sights. He confessed, however, that one thing had greatly puzzled him. "They call it electric light," he confided in a rich brogue to his lordship, "but it do beat me how they make the hairpin burn in the bottle."

RABIES IN BRITAIN.

The Local Government Board has intimated that it cannot approve of the inclusion of consumption in the list of notifiable infectious diseases. It seems that a special Act of Parliament will be necessary before this can be done, and the sooner it is obtained the better.

THE EMIGRATION EVIL.

The Board of Trade emigration returns, which showed that the staff ordered and consumed sardines tomatoes, chickens, tongues, and tinned salmon. The staff is being reorganised. No wonder.—Under the ancient premises at Worcester known as King Charles's House, a Roman kiln in a perfect state of preservation has been found. It is constructed of Rn. tiles and cement, and shows no sign of having been used.—The rector, the Rev. A. E. Farrar, and the male population of the village of Woodley, in Huntingdonshire, spent a musical evening last Thursday at the bottom of a well which had been sunk to obviate the difficulty of obtaining water for domestic purposes.

CHIPS.

There is no decrease in the price of mistakes because they are made in large numbers.

Forget disagreeable things.

Master the art of pleasant sayings.

Don't expect too much from your friends.

Many a woman who can make men tremble is tyrannised over by a little piece of glass with quicksilver behind it.

May woman be our companion: may we never make her our slave.

THE LEGEND OF MUNGRET.

The monks of Mungret in their Abbey old,
That stood on margin green of Shannon's shore,
Were men—as scribes of history have told—
Most marked proficients in linguistic lore;
At orisons and vespers went to pray,
They stadiously employed the hours of day.

They Greek and Latin authors had by rote;
In Arabic and Sanscrit text were versed;
Through mystic tomes their way by labour smote,
And chants of ancient bards full well rehearsed.
Their fame spread far and wide in days of yore,
And brought scholastic throngs to Shannon's shore.

To test their erudition once there came
From rival colleges a chosen band,
Among the learned illustrious in name,
Through anxious quest unto the Limerick land.
Their secret embassy, and its design,
The monks of Mungret failed not to divine.

In order to deceive the strangers' eyes
They doffed their sackcloth robes and "sandalled shoon,"
And sat by the wayside in fishwives' guise,
With capture from the sea, 'neath past night's moon;
A squalid group of seeming marine face,
The sordid vendors of the market-place.

The visitors, in Celtic speech acquired,
Bespoke the fishwomen, as they supposed,
Beneath in humblest female garb attired,
And since no sign their character disclosed:
They asked those, they thought sleepers in ships' bunks,
Where were St. Mungret's Abbey and its monks!

Some said they personated laundresses,
These masquerading monks, to mystify.
The strangers, to vernacular addresses,
Had for prompt answer Greek that might defy
A Plato purer diction to surpass;
And they in Latin gave the *coup de grace*.

The grave professors listened thunderstruck!
Their brains were paleied, and their tongues were tied,
To think that loutish women could be lit
With academic radiance, that might guide
The students of the ancient classics 'mid
The lingual labyrinths in darkness hid.

They fled amazed, aghast, back to Lismore;
And through the universities and schools
Spread their experience on old Shannon's shore,
And that to Mungret Learning's seats seemed fools.
Now, everyone may learn ingenious lesson
From hermitage oracular of Nessan".

MERLIN.

"The tutelar or patron saint of Mongraitia, now Mungret.

FASHIONABLE INTELLIGENCE.

It is officially stated that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has appointed the Marquis of Graham Assistant Private Secretary unpaid.

Lord and Lady Charles Beresford and Lady Marcus Beresford have been spending a few days in London in order to meet Lord Delaval Beresford, who has just arrived from Texas after an absence abroad of some years.

The Earl of Bandon, who has had the pleasing experience of being unanimously re-elected, in his absence, chairman of the Town Board of Bandon, occupies in that respect a somewhat unusual position, since with perhaps two exceptions the members of the board are all Nationalists.

The Earl of Dunraven has arrived at Adare Manor.

Princess Victoria continues to make satisfactory progress. She was yesterday visited by Sir Frederick Treves and Sir Francis Laking, but no official bulletin was issued.

Lord Lansdowne is now convalescent. He was able to go out yesterday.

A marriage has been arranged and will take place on the 2nd prox., between Mr. O'Byrne White, District Inspector, Royal Irish Constabulary, Gort, son of the Frederick A. White, County Inspector, Royal Irish Constabulary, Clare, and May, eldest daughter of Francis F. Persse, Ashfield, Gort, Co. Galway.

A pretty wedding took place the other day at the Dominican Church, Limerick, the contracting parties being Mr. Andrew J. McEvoy, Journalist, Dublin, formerly of Limerick, son of the late Mr. Matthew McEvoy, and Miss Lily McInerney, second daughter of Mr. P. McInerney, P.L.G., Cornmarket st. Ennis.

PRINCE EITEL FREDRICH'S CONDITION.

(By Telegraph To-day.)

The Appeal Court (yesterday) decided that the County Courts had no jurisdiction to grant injunctions in actions brought for the infringement of trade marks.

A farm horse at Kildysart Workhouse has been sold to Mr. Pat. Kirrane for £2 3s. 1d. The Guardians are going to buy another horse to cost not more than £20.

John Quin, Moymore, Kilrush, has lodged a claim with the Kildysart Council for £50 compensation for malicious injury to his cattle at Clonkerry, Labasheeda.

The first meeting of the new Clare County Board is fixed for February 25th, when entries close for the Redmond Cups competition, and draws will be made for same.

The Governors of Barrington's Hospital thankfully acknowledge the receipt of 3 tons 15 cwts of coal from M. Donnelly, B.C, ex-Mayor of Limerick.

An inspection of the Limerick Battalion of the Church Lads' Brigade by Colonel Gee, of London, is to take place at the Protestant Orphan Hall on Friday evening.

It is rumoured that the following police stations in addition to those already dispensed with in the County Limerick, will be closed on the 9th April next, namely, Kilfinny, Boherard, Bilboa, and Barrington's bridge.

The police have issued summonses against ten young men, mainly members of the Borrisoleigh Fife and Drum Band, for riotous behaviour and intimidation. The summonses will be tried on the 8th inst.

Mr. William Foley, manager of the Munster and Leinster Bank, Nenagh, acknowledges the receipt of £4 10s from Mr. W. H. Pulan, for the coal fund, being the proceeds, after the expenses, of the Pupils' Concert held on the 20th ult in the Town Hall.

Surgeon General Roe has intimated his willingness to sell his Nenagh estate, but wants 27½ years purchase of present rents. The tenants offered 20 years purchase, which the landlord declined to accept and so the negotiations are broken off.

Within the past two or three weeks there has been a very marked advance in the price of Irish, Danish, and Canadian bacon, say about 12s to 15s per cwt. This has been brought about by smaller killings, and a scarcity of swine fever in Denmark.

At Newcastle West markets on Saturday the price for butter was 64s. per firkin. Potatoes from 5½d to 6½d. per stone; heavy oats, 11d. to 12d.; tartary oats, 9d. to 10d.; turnips, from 12s. to 14s. per ton; straw 46s. per ton; reed, 10s. to 11s. per 120 sheaves.

Mr. Heaton-Armstrong and his family desire to express their sincere thanks for the many kind letters and telegrams of condolence and sympathy which they have received, and regret extremely that it has been impossible to reply to them all individually.

At the Ennis market on Saturday the following prices were obtained:—Hay, 37s 6d to 45s per ton; straw, 35s to 42s 6d; reed, 80s to 83s; turnips, 13s to 14s 6d; mangolds, 13s; potatoes, 5½d to 6½d per stone; oats, 10d to 10½d; firkin butter, 54s to 56s.

The Kildysart nurse applied to the Guardians at the last meeting for three chairs. One member suggested they should not rob the ratepayers, another that they should provide two at 6s. each, and eventually the matter was referred to the Visiting Committee.

The venerable and respected Parish Priest of Kilworth, Rev. P. J. Horgan, in crossing the street hurriedly after dark on Friday evening stumbled owing to the unevenness in the ground where the somewhat celebrated sewer has been recently filled in, and broke his arm in two places.

Mr. Patrick Newman, nephew of Mr. J. H. Casey, of the Inland Revenue of Clonmel, has passed the open competitive examination for the Excise. There were some 1,200 candidates for 70 vacancies. Mr. Newman's success was the only one in Galway, Cork and Limerick, the three centres in the south.

Sergeant Fitzpatrick found three pint measures partially full of porter on the licensed premises of Wm. Armitage, Barrack Street, Nenagh, at 11.45 on a Saturday night. Defendant said he would solemnly swear that not one sinner was in the house that night, except his family, but he was fined 10s.

Anglers in the upper waters of the Feale are rejoiced at the prospect of a fish gap being inserted with the kind permission of Messrs Latchford in their mill weir at Listowel. For a considerable number of years past fishing in the Upper Feale had been a useless pastime owing to the impassable nature of the Listowel weir, except at high flood.

A company has been formed to resuscitate the milling industry in Waterford, and already a capital fund of £50,000 has been subscribed. The company is composed of a number of millers and those interested in the corn trade in and around Waterford, and it is proposed to commence building at once a large mill on the Kilkenny side of the river.

Mr. Kelly, marine store dealer, Drumbiggle, has been fined 5s. for not having complied with the Marine Store Dealer's Act, in inserting in his book the quality of articles, and the person from whom he purchased them. The Bench contended that if there were a thousand purchases every one should be inserted in the necessary book. A case for the Superior Courts was stated.

An impressive ceremony (the writer a Hokitika correspondent) took place in the Chapel of Columbakille's Convent, Hokitika, recently where Miss Kathleen Molony, in religion, Sister Mary Francis, daughter of the late Mr. Patrick Molony, of the G.P.O., Dublin, and of Carrahan House, Ennis, and niece of Sister Mary Patrick, one of the founders of the Hokitika Convent, received the white veil.

THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM.

planters should try to conquer new markets. He held out no hope of a remission of duty.

Reuter's agency learns from a well-informed source that negotiations have been completed for the floating of a new Russian loan in Paris, amounting to nearly a million of francs. The rate of interest will be 5 per cent.

The Exmouth training ship is to be sold by public auction at the end of this month. Pending the mooring of the new ship which is to take her place, lads under training will go into camp at Gore Farm.

Dalny is to be effaced from the map as a place-name. The Japanese have decided to rename it Tairen on February 11, the anniversary of the accession of Jimmu, the founder of the present dynasty.

A Berwick telegram says—The ship which sunk off the Faroe Island some time ago, in view of lighthouse keepers, was the Hull vessel "Alpha," Dundee for London, with potatoes. Crew of five were drowned.

Three men, employes of the London and North Western Railway Company, were seriously injured in a gas explosion, which occurred yesterday in a general waiting room of the Company's station at Wolverhampton.

Charles Guy, an officer of the Royal Naval Reserve, co respondent in the case in which Charles George Gamble, a Dublin solicitor, obtained a decree of divorce from his wife, has had to pay £3,000 as damages to Gamble.

It is understood that the Dominion Government will shortly inaugurate the police of appointing commercial agents in the United States. At present Canadian commercial agents are confined to the British Empire and a few European centres.

The Blackburn Bench has come to the conclusion that the sale of chipped potatoes on Sundays is illegal, but it is such a very great accommodation to the Lancashire working classes that they decline to impose a bigger penalty than 1s.

A woman who gave the name of Phœbe Way, was fined 1s. and costs, or a day's imprisonment, at the North London Police Court for being drunk and incapable. It was stated that she at one time earned £2,000 a year in teaching dancing and deportment to the aristocracy.

One of the novelties in the King Edward VII. battleships is a bakery on the mess deck. The oven is heated by steam pipes from the main engines, and the latest scientific means of what is technically known as "plumbing the bread" have been adopted. By this method new bread will always be available for the crew.

FUNERAL OF MRS. HEATON-ARMSTRONG.

At half-past ten this morning the remains of the late Mrs. Heaton-Armstrong were removed from her residence, 79 George street for interment in St. Munchin's Cemetery. There was a large attendance of the general public present to pay a last tribute of respect to the wife of a gentleman who has enjoyed a wide sphere of popularity not alone in the city but in the county and in Clare.

The chief mourners were—Charles Heaton-Armstrong (husband), C. R. B. Heaton-Armstrong, W. H. Heaton-Armstrong, and G. W. Heaton-Armstrong (sons), Colonel Henn (son-in-law), R. Stackpoole, Captain G. Stackpoole, C. R. A. MacDonnell (nephews), T. G. S. Stackpoole-Mahon, G. W. F. Stackpoole, and Colonel Hugh Westropp (relatives).

The clergy present were—The Archdeacon of Achadoe, Rev. J. T. Waller, Archdeacon of Limerick, Rev. J. Dowd, Rev. G. L. Swain, Rev. R. Ross Lewin, Rev. A. Thomas, Rev. R. H. Semple, Rev. T. B. Robertson, Rev. C. V. Atkinson.

Amongst the general public present or who sent carriages were—Mrs. O'Brien, South Hill; W. L. Hunt, Colonel R. Maunsell, George Street; W. M'Donnell, Sir Thomas Cleeve, E. M. Russell, F. St. C. Hobson, Peter Fitzgerald, F. G. M. Kennedy, C. Keane, Ptole Gabbett, Captain Verschoyle, J. V. Phelps, Edgar Phelps, J. E. Goodbody, Capt. Twiss, F. M. Brett, R. J. Lee, Sir Vincent Nash, H. Blackall, R. Harris, F. Johnstone, E. D. Hunt, E. H. Poe Hosford, James Frost, Dr. Kennedy, Wm. M. Beauchamp, J. E. Murphy, F. Fitt, T. A. Ferguson, Courtney Croker, Joseph Patterson, H. V. Morony, Dr. Gelston, Dr. F. Gelston, G. Gelston, W. Barrington, C.E., A. J. Barnett, R. de Ros Rose, John Boyd, Major Lawe, P. J. Frost, A. Hall, junr., J. Welply, Andrew Murray, Bruce Murray, Dr. Shanahan, Dr. Graham, William Lloyd J. Clarke, S.J. Nash, Russell, Patrick O'Meehan, William Stokes, J.P., J. Greene-Barry, G. Belshaw, A. W. Shaw, J.P.; Mrs. Vanderkiste, Bishop of Limerick (Dr. Bunbury), J. O'G. Delmege, S. F. Dowling, Misses O'Callaghan, J. Lavertine, Dr. Laird, R. L. Brown, John Hayes, S. F. Ebrill, A. Blood-myth, Captain Edwards, R. Nash, F. L. Armstrong, W. W. Whittaker.

Wreaths were sent by the following:—C. Heaton Armstrong, George and Alice Heaton-Armstrong, W. H. and May Heaton-Armstrong, C. R. B. and Ethel Heaton-Armstrong, Colonel and Mrs. Henn, Marjorie Henn, C. G. W. Heaton-Armstrong, Hannah Dwyer (maid), Mrs. F. Kennedy, Mrs. W. L. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McDonnell, Colonel and Mrs. G. N. V. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Whitehead, Mr. R. G. Stackpoole, Servants at 79 George street; Mrs. Hobson, Mr. F. St. C. Hobson, Mrs. Montiford Westropp, Mr. John McLagan, Waterpark; Mrs. Stackpoole, Eden Vale; W. Christy, E. W. Christy.

Very Rev. the Archdeacon Wynne, and Rev. J. T. Waller officiated at the graveside.