

integrity of the Empire than
st. We will suppose, for ex-
war with foreign Power, our
landing on a defenceless
What would be the result?
ould be stoutly opposed by
to bear arms, and we are
ould be brief, or the opinion
Army is illfounded. Let the
n Ireland, where there is no-
em in the shape of coast
ers will assume a different
bility a large portion of the
t only welcome but gladly
against the British. The dis-
n that country renders it all
on the Government to in-
of coast defence, the consum-
of vital importance to the
pire.
e in Ireland is insignificant.
the Government has not en-
t of a large reserve in that
t is admitted, on the best
seafaring portion of the pop-
lawabiding and loyal por-
ffirmed some time ago before
ouse of Lords by some emi-
nentials. The fishermen and
erally have held themselves
ion leagues and other repre-
s which have from time to
rent almost to shreds the
rics of society in that dis-
her Majesty's realms. The
ee that any material gain
by the attainment of the
countrymen are continually
e question arises, and must
red when our rulers awaken
and actively take up the
defence in that country,
shermen and coasting seamen
l into a coast brigade. There
loyalty is not called in ques-
r material for the formation
cannot be found. The fisher-
y are men of fine physique,
and hardy, and we are in-
from the example of their
ous branches of the public
ney are enlisted in the service
will honestly maintain their
n courage and daring in the
service of England the Irish
none, and we have frequently
orded to him from quarters
suspicion of partiality
our knowledge we have
Irish seaman in the
Crown to betray his trust.
ish Militia recruited from the
n that country, and it is
t of the numbers brought
justice for participation in
al and agrarian, during the
y few, if any, ever served the
city. But the most striking
that of the Royal Irish Con-
recruited from the mos tur-
al portion of the population
v. They have given various

the man was placed in a position where he could
not get more drink he no doubt had an attack of
"D.T." and "made away with himself. Compton
was much disliked by his comrades, bad man-
nered and quarrelsome, and, as he had served
twelve years in the Infantry before joining the
7th Hussars, he no doubt found some portion of
Cavalry duty unpleasant, for men who serve 12
years in the Infantry never afterwards make
good Cavalrymen. As for Captain Ridley, he is
one of the most popular officers in the Army,
beloved by all who know him. He served with
the 19th Hussars in the Egyptian war of 1882;
was present in the action at Kassassin and the
battle of Tel-el-Kebir. He has been adjutant of
the regiment and president of the band for some
years. The 7th Hussars are in a high state of
efficiency, and Captain Ridley is highly popular
with all ranks, and is a most kind-hearted officer

THE LATE RICHARD ALLEN.

It has been thought that the following extract
from the will of this well-known gentleman will
interest many in our city and country:—

"I give to or for the use of each of my own
grandnephews and grandnieces, who shall be-
living at my death, the sum of five pounds, to-
gether with a Bible of such value as my executors
hereinafter named shall select, desiring that
they they each may early come into that hap-
piness which is so largely promised in the Holy
Scriptures by their loving God and Saviour to
all who early seek to find Him. This is the
prayer of their loving uncle Richard, in making
this little gift."

He also left the following memorandum:—

"It my earnest desire that neither my dear
wife, nor any of my relations should go into
deep mourning on my death."

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If the present upheaval of the lower strata of
Society has demonstrated one fact more
strongly than another, that fact unmistakably
is the waning influence of the Roman Catholic
Church over the masses of the people. Almost
every episode that has occurred since the land
agitation was first inaugurated, in which sacer-
dotal dictation or counsel in anywise clashed
with the popular clamour, it had to give way
before it like an impediment of sand swept by
a mountain torrent. Vain was each attempt
made to fraternise with the leaders of the
movement or to control an organisation which

tated, with a few
programme, at Firie
Chapel. In a remarkable
in the last number of th
which has always favoure
in this country,—the foll
"What must be the posi
"that of Rome, which, i
"land, among a people
"influence, abstains on s
"denouncing the offenc
"than any other is held b
"the absolving powers co
"to the Church by Chris
"abstinence a confession
"ledgment that even th
"ground is powerless to
"the most evil forces
"wicked deeds? We c
"way. We have tried t
"licism for twenty-five
"unable to believe, as
"believe, that the Catho
"shields crime, or tolera
"any way to its advanta
"sentences like these for
"it feels itself as pow
"crimes as against the
"phes of the natural w
"fession is that!" The
a humiliating one; but
which the Roman Cat
country will sooner o
through force of circums

Ald Z. Myles attended
yesterday, Messrs Hall a
present to-day. There
terest before the court on

The Croom, fortnight
held yesterday. Mr R. V
Hatchell, R.M, were the
There were only six cases
of no public interest.

The Bishop of Killaloe
anniversary of his electio
a beautiful signet ring by
The ring is of massive go
tistically cut in relief,
amethyst, having a m
initials.

Owing to the severe
of the past few days
almost impossible for Mr