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of sympathetic considera-
s have exhibited a strong
tment, and it is high time
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f this country, should be
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ich the legislator admires
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ally desirous of acquiring
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f to give them the best
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points. we congratulate the young gentle-
man on obtaining a commission in a department
which as a profession is second to no other in the
Army.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.—The public cannot fail to
have noticed the most attractive display of
Christmas Cards on view at Messrs Guy & Co's
establishment, George-street. They are of every
conceivable pattern and design, of all sizes, and
the prices range from one halfpenny upwards.
To make a selection from them, they are all so
beautiful, is rather a difficult thing, but everyone
is certain to pick up something suited to his
particular fancy. We should also direct atten-
tion to Messrs Guy's stock of fancy goods.

SAD DROWNING ACCIDENT.—A melancholy
drowning accident has occurred at Ardsollus,
County Clare. A little girl named Doyle, aged
seven years, daughter of a shoemaker residing
in the Turnpike, Bunnis, had been staying with a
family named White, and she was returning
home from school with two young sons of White's
when the accident occurred. They were crossing
a stream near Ardsollus by means of a plank
which unhappily fell into the stream, and the
little girl was borne off in the current before the
eyes of her terrified companions. The body was
recovered next morning.

FLOWER SHOW AT MESSRS M'BIRNEY'S.—Those
who intend making purchases of fancy articles for
parlour and drawing room decoration, should
inspect the really beautiful and varied stock of
artificial flowers now on view at Messrs
M'Birney's establishment. The flowers are so
perfect in their way that it would be almost im-
possible without close examination to distin-
guish the natural from the imitation. Prices
will be found to be very moderate, and no more
interesting Yule tide present could be found than
amongst the choice and varied display of flowers
which are to be had at this establishment.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—As will be seen
by our advertising columns a meeting in connec-
tion with the Church Missionary Society will be
held in the Protestant Orphan Hall on Monday
next, at the hour of 8 o'clock. The Dean will
preside, and the meeting will be addressed not
only by the Secretary of the Society the Rev J.
Haythorn Thwaite, but by the Archdeacon of
Cork, and the Rev Mr Thorpe of Cork. It is to
be hoped the many friends of missionary
effort will attend on this occasion, especially as
at the present time attention is being specially
directed to the work of the evangelisation of the
heathen in foreign lands.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—An accident, attended with
fatal results, occurred to a man named Quinlan
on Thursday evening in Upper William street. He
was standing on a ladder whitewashing, when he
fell, sustaining very severe injuries, for which
he was treated on being conveyed to Barrington's
Hospital. Owing to his serious condition no
hopes were entertained of his recovery, and the
unfortunate man succumbed to his injuries this
morning. An inquest was held this evening in
the hospital by Mr Coroner DeCourcy, and
evidence as to the facts having been given, a
verdict that deceased died his death by accident
was returned.

MARRIAGE IN TORONTO.—The *Toronto Evening
Press* says:—"St Mark's Church was the scene of
a quiet wedding on Tuesday, 17th ult., at 4
p.m., the happy couple being Adolphe J. La
Venture, secretary-treasurer of the Brandon
Manufacturing Co., to Miss Minnie Persse,
daughter of R. M. Persse, of Parkdale. The
ceremony was performed by Rev Charles L.
Inglis, the rector. The bride looked winsome in
a travelling suit of navy blue, and was attended

address, which was followed by a chorus, "Oh
many ways hath the tempter's art," effectively
rendered by the choir. Mr F. Burgess then re-
cited "The Closing Year," after which Miss M.
Christy sang "There's a Friend for little chil-
dren" in a very pleasing manner. Mr Clement
then read "Archie's Mother," and Miss A. Crowe
recited "The wreck of the Heperus." The
next item, a quartette, "Onward go," in which
Miss A. Roberts, Miss Carman, Mr R. Ellis, and
Mr J. S. Christy took part, was listened to with
much pleasure by the audience. Mr Grubb in an
interesting address dwelt on the social and
moral aspects of the temperance question. The
choir having sung "The Temperance Battle
Song," a recitation, "The Teetotal Mill," was
delivered in excellent style by Sergt. Darlow,
who was followed by Mr J. Robinson in a pa-
thetic reading entitled "In His keeping." A
solo, "Renounce the cup," came next, and was
admirably rendered by Miss Robinson. Mr
Palmer ably recited "The road to Heaven," and
Mr Burns delivered an earnest address, in which
the evils of strong drink were strikingly set
forth. A collection to defray expenses and as-
sist in carrying on the temperance work was
taken up, during which the choir sang "Tem-
perance Bells." Miss E. Roberts presided at the
organ with her usual ability. After the Bene-
diction was pronounced, a number of young per-
sons signed their names in the total abstinence
pledge book.

POOR PARISHES FUND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE
DEAR SIR—Kindly allow me to draw the atten-
tion of such parishioners of S. Michael's as are
not regular attendants at the Parish Church to
the above very necessary fund, to which under
our Diocesan Scheme they are all expected to con-
tribute. There have always been, and will
always be, several parishes unable to make up
their full assessment, in which case the clergy-
man is liable to a proportionate deduction from
his stipend. To prevent this the great injustice
is the object of the Poor Parish Fund.
When our present scheme was drawn up it was
considered only reasonable that a large parish
like S. Michael's should undertake to collect £150
towards an object with which all must sympa-
thize. After an experience of eight years I am
now unwillingly compelled to state that this
burden has fallen almost entirely on the congre-
gation attending S. Michael's Church, as may be
easily proved by looking over the list of subscrip-
tions to the Parochial Assessment. Of residents
in the city of Limerick, there are only 2 or 3
subscribers who are not members of the congre-
gation. This is so manifestly unfair, and so
directly contrary to the spirit and letter of the
diocesan scheme, in accordance with which we
are all supposed to be working, that the city
clergy have lately appended their names to a
circular drawing public attention to this matter.
The Poor Parish Fund is not an object that can
be lightly disregarded. The contribution from
the parishioners of St. Michael's is only a portion
of it. From other sources it will also need to be
sustained; but that one congregation, which only
needs £200 to secure full stipends for its own
clergy, should be expected and allowed year after
year to contribute an additional £150, which
is all the while intended and supposed
to be an offering from the parishioners at large
(and actually appears as such in the report to the
Diocesan Synod is) a matter of which I think we
may justly complain. May I hope that this
letter will induce many to assist us in the collec-
tion of this Parochial Contribution, which is
annually disbursed for so benevolent a purpose—
Yours faithfully,

F. C. HAMILTON.

December 12, 1891.
N.B.—Mr Jackson Harris, 3 Barrington street,
Hon Sec and Treasurer, will gladly receive and
acknowledge subscriptions.