

columns) and then presented the ring to the bishop, wishing him a most happy reign his most willing subjects (applause) Lordship, who was received with loud applause, read the following reply:—

“The Deanery,  
Limerick, Dec. 28th, 1899.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—I most heartily thank you for your good wishes for myself and my family, and for the expression to me in the address just now read, also for the Episcopal seal and handsome ring which you have presented me. This latter beautiful work of art in design and execution, its value intrinsically considerable; but to me precious, not so much for what it is in itself or that which it conveys—the marked assurance of your affectionate regard and esteem, by me highly valued than my words can express. The ring being constantly before me, shall ever be to me a memento of your kind friendship, and a reminder of my solemn duties as your Bishop, and of a high ideal of those duties I hope to live, in the glory of God and the spiritual welfare of the people under my Episcopal charge.

“Believe me to be, my dear friends,  
Yours very faithfully,

“THOMAS LIMERICK.”

My Lordship said:—Now, after having formally thanked you for this beautiful ring which I have on my finger, and for the address you have presented to me, I must say that the reply but very feebly conveys what I really feel. It is quite astonishing the amount of illness I have received from all sides since my election to the Episcopate. It is quite surprising to me that I should have been the recipient of such kindness and such hearty congratulations on my elevation to this very important position. In the work before me, which, as you all know is very onerous, I shall be strengthened by the feeling and the knowledge that I have a strong body of friends ready to help me in the discharge of my duties, not only in this diocese, where I have been known for many a year, and where I am intimately acquainted with you all—but also in the Diocese of Ardferd, where I am, comparatively speaking, a stranger. I have received the same kind welcome all over the united Diocese. And now, my dear friends, I am not a man of much words, but I hope you will take what I have said as expressing my most heartfelt thanks for the exceeding great kindness you have shown to me. I shall also thank you in anticipation for the very strong support that I am certain to receive from you in the discharge of my duties. I cannot afford to be silent with regard to the praise I have received from the lay members of the flock in my work as Dean of Limerick for 27 years. I took up that work with the feeling that I had not the support of the lay element of our Church which I value most highly. I should not be able to discharge the duties that devolved upon me. From the very start I have had the help of friends who have been loyal to me throughout, and with whom, I am happy to say during that long period of time I have not had one single word that could be taken upon as indicating anything but the most firm friendship and amity. I hardly like to mention names, but I cannot help referring to Mr. E. J. my hereditary Churchwarden, and on the Day, the Churchwarden elected to the Select Vestry. To these gentlemen my attitude is of the very greatest kind, for I do not know how I could have got on without their warm and zealous assistance. I know that it was to them a labour of love in helping me to conduct the affairs of our fine old Cathedral, and at the same time while it was a labour of love to them, I cannot help thinking that they must have been influenced by the very highest motives in what they did. And now, my friends,

nation to the men who prosecuted.

Mr Sheehy said yes, and remarked that it was strange that bails would not be taken even when the case was within a few days of the Assizes. The saddle should be placed on the right horse. He knew Mr Curtin to be a great sportsman, and he kept dogs of the highest breeding, and they would freely tender him their sympathy; but they could not condemn gentlemen for an act of which they positively state they knew nothing. It would be a most absurd and illogical proceeding. They knew what great sport the County Hunt afforded to those outside as well as the members, and also the loss pecuniarily the county would sustain, and while they extended sympathy to Mr Curtin, they should exonerate the Hunt Club from any connection with this case.

Mr James O'S Liston said they should sympathise with Mr Curtin, and condemn the Crown for this prosecution. In his opinion they alone were responsible.

The Chairman said he thought they should pass the Rathkeale resolution as it stood without any alteration, and Mr Curtin should be recompensed for his losses in defending the case. He believed there were members of the Hunt in the transaction. He proposed, seconded by Mr Michael Cremin: “That the Rathkeale resolution be adopted without alteration.”

Mr James O'S Liston proposed, seconded by Mr Thomas White: “That they sympathise with Mr Curtin, exonerate the Club from any connection with this prosecution, but condemn the Crown who are the persons entirely responsible.”

Mr Sheehy again called attention to the resolution of the County Hunt, laying special stress on their words of contradiction, and asked that they would withdraw the resolutions.

Mr Thomas White said when the Hunt explanation was given after the Rathkeale resolution had been passed, he could not see what more was necessary. They should condemn the parties guilty of the prosecution whoever they were.

Mr Cremin said they should condemn the Hunt. They were able to live without them.

Mr Magner said they should not take the blame off the Crown and put it on the County Club. This matter would be fully investigated later on.

After further discussion the amendment was adopted without dividing the Board, the feeling being largely in favour of it.

### DEATH OF MR JAMES TIGHE C.E.

We regret to announce the death after a brief illness of Mr James Tighe, C.E., Chief Engineer of the Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Company, who passed away on the 27th instant, at his residence, Waterford, at the ripe age of 84 years. Mr Tighe was, it need hardly be said, very conspicuous in the Irish Railway world for the past fifty years, during which time he has been connected with the Waterford and Limerick Company, and of course was largely identified with the gradual extension of that system from what it was at that day, to its wide ramifications at the present time. He was a most able and courteous official and by all ranks of the company's service, as well as the public in general was held in highest esteem, and his death is deeply regretted.

### WHAT OF THE GUNS?

The *Morning Post* has received the following letter from a distinguished engineer:—

“What of the guns? Have we a stock of quick-firers, mountings, and carriages in the field or in store sufficient for the necessities now apparent, not to speak of those unseen? If not, a remedy must be found. We must compel the Government to...”

the 200 mules have been despatched Natal.

Recruiting for the Dublin Imperial Yeomanry is progressing. The lists will, however, be some days longer, in view of some being rejected by the military authorities. The keeness is being displayed in securing places in the Dublin offers of horses and financial recruiting committee.

A War Office notice was sanctioned the re-enlistment of 30 years of age who have no physical invalids or as bad characters enlist in Section D of the Force to serve within two years of their discharge from the army. It is to the War Office from me cannot be answered.

Throughout every division the greatest enthusiasm—becoming every day—is manifested by England in the Transvaal. South Wales is overwhelmed with and horses, and the inhabitants the despatch of 500 picked men. The colony's contingent of all, numbering nearly 90 has increased her contingent Western Australia has also a contribution to 100 horses. Money subscribed, and preparations are being made and drilling such recruits as comes after the departure of a new force may be ready for if wanted.

### THE STORY OF MR ESCAP

TOLD BY HIMSELF

Mr Churchill has sent me a graphic account of his escape. His telegram, which is dated December 21, was published in the *Post* yesterday. Mr

I was concealed in a railway sack. I had a small store of food. The Boers searched the Poort, but did not search me. After sixty hours of misery I came out very weak, but am free of my pounds weight, but I am light also avail myself of every moment to urge with earnest and uncompromising prosecution.

On the afternoon of the Government's Secretary (that there was little chance therefore resolved to escape) left the State School Prison by climbing the wall when the sentry was momentarily absent. I walked through the town without any disturbance, but I was not checked until I got through the pickets and struck the Delago Bay Railway, evading the watchers at the station. I waited for a train.

The out 11.10 goods train arrived, and before it had boarded with great difficulty under coal sacks, I jumped down, and sheltered during the wood in company with a black played a lively interest in the dust. There were no more. The danger of meeting...