

...it would fall into their hands in a short time. The latest intelligence by runner to Frere Camp was dated last Tuesday, and stated that the Boers continued the bombardment but made no attempt to approach the town. The position was considered to be safe, "and can be held as long as necessary," said the message. "the enemy are evidently afraid of attack." The troops were declared to be as plucky and as determined as at the beginning of the siege, but whilst there was no cause for anxiety, all would be glad when relief came. This was the purport of the last message that got through by runner. At nine o'clock on Saturday morning General White, by means of heliograph, informed General Buller that Caesar's Camp, a position south of the town, had been attacked. At a quarter to three he announced that the enemy had been repulsed, but was still in great force, and that a renewal of the attack was expected. The latest message on Saturday was timed 8.15 pm, and contained the ominous words, "Attack renewed; very hard pressed." In forwarding this to the War Office, General Buller added—"I have absolutely no more news, and there is no sun. There is a camp rumour that he defeated the enemy at five p.m., and took 400 prisoners. I sent all the available troops yesterday to make demonstration at Colenso. The trenches there were all occupied by enemy." There was the greatest anxiety in London on Sunday and Monday as to the result of the movement on Ladysmith, which was increased all the more from intelligence that came in to the effect that we had minor losses. Kuruman had surrendered, and General French, the most successful and active leader hitherto, had to report "a serious accident," which has left seven officers and a company of infantry in the hands of the Boers. The horrible suspense as to Ladysmith was removed early in the afternoon of yesterday by the publication of a despatch from General White, giving the result of the engagement. The attacks had been made chiefly on the parts called Caesar's Camp and Wagon Hill. The former is probably so called from its resemblance to a hill of that name near Aldershot, and had two redoubts on it. Wagon Hill is to the west of it, and both positions were held by the Manchesterers and two squadrons of Imperial Light Horse. The enemy were in great strength, and pushed their attack with courage. Some of the entrenchments at Wagon Hill were three times taken by the enemy, and three times re-taken from them. One position was held by the Boers for the whole of the day, but

Leinster Regiment, and William Connell, of the 2nd Batta. Buffs, both stationed at Fermoy, were charged by Sergeant Wickham and Constable Colbert, with absenting themselves from their regiments. The defendants, who were in their uniform, were in Limerick on furlough, and should have returned at the end of December. They were remanded, to be given in charge of the military authorities.

DIOCESE OF LIMERICK AND ARDFERT.

The place vacant in the Standing Committee of the General Synod by the consecration of the Bishop of Limerick has been filled by the election of the Rev. George M'Cutchan, B.D., Rector of Kenmare. For the seat on the Representative Body the Very Rev. J. Fitzgerald Gregg, A.M., Dean of Limerick, has been chosen.

PARISH OF TRINITY AND ST LAURENCE.

At the meeting of the trustees, the Rev J T Waller, M.A. (jun), Rector of Drumbanagher Diocese of Armagh, was elected Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Limerick, and subsequently, by the nominators, was appointed to the Rectory of St Lawrence, held in conjunction with it.

DEATH OF MR S. B. GOGGIN.

A wide circle of friends will deeply regret to hear of the unexpected demise of Mr S B Goggin, Secretary of the Condensed Milk Company of Ireland (Cleave Brothers), which took place at an early hour this morning at his residence, St Stephen's Villa, North Strand, after a brief illness. The deceased gentleman was an excellent business man, and his kindly, affable and courteous manner won for him the highest esteem of all with whom he came in contact, whether in commercial or private life. Any good or charitable work never appealed in vain to his sympathy or his purse, and his many other excellent traits of character were valued and recognised by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He was connected with some old city and county families, and it is interesting to remark that he possessed the distinction of inscribing his name on the roll of Freemen of the Borough in 1897. This he received by right of birth, his grandfather having been a Freeman of Limerick. Mr Goggin, to all appearances, had many years of usefulness before him, and therefore his premature demise has come as a shock, and with feelings of extreme sorrow to very many friends, who deeply sympathise with his widow and family in the affliction with which it has pleased Providence to visit them. The funeral will leave his residence at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning for the family burial place at St John's Church.

"LANSDOWNE" SOLDIERS HOME.

We publish this evening the fifth list of subscriptions to this excellent project. The total amount subscribed—over £2,450—is typical of the generosity that has always characterised our citizens. Though considerably in excess of the amount first asked for, the present sum will, we understand, be fully utilised. The alterations and additions originally proposed were of the simplest character. The citizens having done their part so well, it was due to them that the Home should be in keeping with their generosity. The designs were accordingly remodelled, and some important improvements introduced, involving extra expense, but adding to the practical utility and comfort of the building. As previously

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