

up into several bands, which are south of the Free State. The pro-loyal farmers is being looted, and are being made to cut off the Eng-unications. Once the British are a force from Bloemfontein, they to hold two great main roads, which Boer forces in two and isolate those th. The greater part of General force is at Wepener, a town on the Basutoland. The Boers are credited tion of attempting a flank move-ment round this position by means of a ng Basutoland. Any such attempt asisted by the Government of Basuto-ant's column appears to be capable care of itself, for it is described as a rps, of great striking power, used ntry riding, and thoroughly able to the Boer commandoes now moving place. A squadron belonging to this is captured 400 rifles, and the out- touch with the enemy, so that an it is expected. A message from epresentative at Mafeking brings e fortunes of the besieged garrison e 27th of March. On the day pre- at there was severe artillery fighting e assailants and defenders, and the eeded in forcing the Boers to ome of their advanced positions and k on their main lines of investment- was to render the town comparatively rifle fire, and in the abandoned he garrison found some food supplies, re most acceptable. Amongst the as a bundle of newspapers, which, l, were welcome, and were exhibited oe of the *Mafeking Mail* for the peruse them. The statement that erts sent orders to the military s of Mafeking requiring them to hold ill the middle of May, is repeated on rity of the *Pall Mall Gazette*. A eceived to-day conveys intelligence e the besieged town of the date 31st Colonel Plumer succeeded in getting r miles of the place, but, though or several hours, was unable to pierce lines, and had to fall back. Colonel erves to succeed, and we hope will the honour of raising the siege of

ice from the *London Gazette*, in the promotions in the A.M.S.C, the name low-citizen, Major George Goggin, en gazetted to the rank of Lieutenant-

lure County Council yesterday. Mr H

whose grandson was Turlogh, King of Munster, who died in 1086, leaving four sons. The Barony of Inchiquin, which was created in 1543, at the same time as the Earldom of Thomond was in 1550, pursuant to patent, inherited by Earl Murrough's son and heir by his wife Eleanor, daughter of Thomas Fitzgerald, Knight of Glin. The second baron was devised by his father the castle and lands of Inchiquin and other extensive territorial possessions. The brothers of the late Lord Inchiquin were by Royal license, dated September 12th, 1862, given the style and precedence of the younger sons of a Baron, and the sisters the style and precedence of a Baron's daughters.

## DEATH OF THE HON. STEPHEN E. SPRING RICE.

With very deep regret we record the death of the Hon Stephen E Spring Rice, eldest son of Lord Monteagle, which took place on Saturday last at his Lordship's London residence, Carlyle Mansions, S.W. The young gentleman contracted fever on the voyage home from Australia (the completion of a tour round the world), and, despite the best medical skill and loving care of his family, he passed away on Saturday afternoon. The Hon Stephen Edmund Spring Rice was born on the 23rd July, 1877, and consequently had not reached his 23rd year. It will be remembered that great rejoicings took place at Foynes on the occasion of his coming of age, when the people vied with each other in doing honour to the young gentleman, and to Lord and Lady Monteagle, who have ever proved such benefactors to the locality. He took the greatest interest in the residents, and desired to spend as much of his time as possible amongst them. Furthermore, he studied the physical and material welfare of the young men, for soon after he came of age he established a Literary and Athletic Club at Foynes, which has proved an inestimable boon to the large number of members who are glad to avail themselves of its advantages. Needless to say, the news of Mr Spring-Rice's death has plunged Foynes and the whole countryside into the deepest sorrow at the very premature and unexpected demise of one whom to know was to love and esteem. He had a brilliant course at Oxford, and had he lived, a distinguished career was in all human probability in store for him. In this country, as well as in London, the deepest sympathy is expressed with Lord and Lady Monteagle in their poignant grief. Numerous telegrams conveying votes of condolence have been received by the family, amongst them being the following:—  
 "To Monteagle, London.—The members of the Foynes Workingmen's Club and Reading-rooms, on hearing of the unexpected demise of their President, the Hon. S. E. Spring-Rice, convened meeting, and tender their heartfelt sympathy.—P. MADDEN, V.P."  
 "To Monteagle, London.—On receipt of the sad news of the death of the Hon. S. E. Spring-Rice, the inhabitants of Foynes and surrounding locality, in public meeting assembled, tender their most sincere sympathy. Great gloom prevails.

"S. E. DEVERE."

The remains arrived in Limerick by the mid-day train to-day, and were conveyed by the 6.15 p.m. train to Foynes. The funeral will leave Mount Trenchard to-morrow at three o'clock for the family burial-place at Loughbill.

## EMBODIMENT OF THE MILITIA.

It is officially announced by the War Office that the Queen, having been graciously pleased by Royal Proclamation, dated 26th October last, to order the Secretary for War to give the necessary directions for embodying all or any part of the

boast is deduced from the Royal Ste Queen Victoria, being sprung from Scotland and I of England, is in du though the long line of Scottish Fergus, the first absolute King of Fergus Mor Mac Earca, the grandso the Nine Hostages, the 126th Monar Canon Ross-Lewin has very kindly following sketch of Her Majesty which I cannot help thinking will b to my readers at the present junctur

The visit of the Queen to Irela draw attention to a statement made Professor Stokes of Dublin, one learned Irish historians of this cent describing St Columba's great work or National Assembly of Brumce when he obtained a grant of ind the Irish colony in Scotland, Pro tells us that St Columba consecr chieftain named Aidan as King of D Western Highlands. "He was cor cording to tradition on the Stone of wards transferred to Scone, and th to Westminster Abbey, where it ne the coronation stone. But this is link between our present soverei Aidan, this Hibernian prince. Que descended from him, and throug Niall of the Nine Hostages, Kin about the year 400. This may see yet it is capable of most satisfi Adian's descendants continued to Dalriada alone until 842, w McAlpine, a prince of his house, un well as Scots, Highlanders and under the same rule. The male Celtic kings ended only with III in 1285. But then ca dynasties of Bruce and St were descended in the female line fr kings, whence the blood of the Celt to our present Royal Family." I and the Celtic Church," by Profess London, Hedder and Stoughton, if Bishop Lightfoot had a high opinio The Rev Duncan Macgregor, Presb Minister of Inverallocky, in a very vice drawn up by him for St Colum the thirteenth century of the death gives the following petition for Qu —"Grant that in her impartial adu justice and her faithful preserv people's peace she may be guided t Providence, and that the blessing j St Columba on her ancestor King posterity may continue to follow he of her life, and may descend to her the end of the world." This off f noded by Mr Macgregor on the a the Brevary of Aberdeen, and his ing book is one of many proofs of the hearts of the child-er to th Scotland. It is to be found in "St Record and a Tribute." Edinburgh Hitt, 1897.

## THE STONE OF DEST

Canon Ross-Lewin refers in the the famous "Stone of Destiny." believe the "Four Masters" and chroniclers, this stone links Queen line of kings that reigned ager befo a name up n earth. They say th Danans brought the "Stone of Ireland some 2,000 years before Christ, and that it is none other t called in the Book of Genesis "Ja The prophecy concerning this ston times to get its fulfilment every t Monarch is crown-d, ran first in G Latin. It runs in English thus:— Unless the fates are faithles