

of rabbit coursing in the following — "What fun or pleasure there can be on to bagged rabbits under such circumstances it is difficult to see, but when rabbits are so suffering from their confinement as to be too stiff to run, and by their unfamiliar surroundings of the spectators as to become uninterested of the slender prospects of the sport, the 'sport' degenerates into a mere chase, and it is difficult to comprehend how a self-respecting person can defend

#### A STRIKING FACT.

An interesting fact that while there have been in the last hundred years only twenty Prime Ministers of Ireland has had nearly four times as many Secretaries. While the average Secretary has served five years the Foreign Secretary and the Lord Chancellor seven, the Secretaries for Ireland have held the office for only just over two years.

#### TEACHING IN THE WORKHOUSE.

The County Kilkenny Board of Guardians has appointed an official to teach Irish to the children, and, contrary to general opinion, the Local Government Board has sanctioned the appointment.

#### A BIG SALMON.

A salmon which was recently landed at Carrigrohane, County Louth, is now on view at Carrigrohane. It measures 4ft long, 2ft over the gills 3st.

#### POEM TO ST. PATRICK.

St. Patrick sends the following: —  
Patrick, dear, in days gone by  
Ished snakes and toads;  
In' frogs in Irish bogs  
Ished their abodes.

Oh, a greater work ye'd do  
Ishin' to-day  
Ishes mean that made a scene  
Ishin' De la Rey!

#### DEATH AND LIFE.

The potent conquerer of old,  
The triumph car in chains Kings trod,  
The nations did wide sway unfold,  
Adorned himself almost a god,  
The thoughts prevailed. He placed a slave  
To remind of life's brief span,  
His ear in accents grave,  
"Remember, Philip, thou'rt a man!"

Oh, one, who in riches rolled  
The most sage philosopher to see  
The treasuries of gems and gold,  
"Think'st thou I've gained  
The end!"

The end!" the sapient Solon said  
By Cyrus vanquished Ceres found,  
The doom of execution led,  
Shall come e'vn where wealth doth

Such as they had little known  
Is but the gate of endless life—  
To win an everlasting throne,  
The world with truest glory rife,  
Only they, who walk on earth,  
Wending to a realm of rest,  
Having risen to higher birth,  
That so it may be ever blest.

F. M.

ing, on the "Second Reading of the Compulsory Land Purchase (Ireland) Bill," promises to be very interesting. Both the "Government" and "Opposition" will muster in full strength, and we may be sure that the "Strangers' Gallery" will be fully occupied on the occasion.

**HALL CAINE**—Hall Caine is beyond question the most widely read of all living authors in the English-speaking world, and his works have probably created more discussion in religious circles than those of any other author. The *Christian Globe* announces that what it considers his greatest work will appear in that journal on Thursday, March 20th. A beautiful plate, entitled "Wrecked" will be given away with this number.

**COUNTY AND DISTRICT ELECTIONS.**—Our Glin correspondent writes—The forthcoming County and District Elections are already arousing considerable interest, and the belief is entertained that in many districts of the County sweeping changes will be effected in the personnel of the various Boards. That there is room for improvement in this respect is quite apparent to anyone who has watched their proceedings during the past three years. There are no signs here of any impending contests.

**CYCLING ACCIDENT TO A CLERGYMAN.**—The Ven. Archdeacon Craig, while cycling yesterday in the vicinity of his residence, outside Tullamore, met with a serious accident through some unexplained cause. He was thrown to the ground, where he helplessly lay until assistance arrived. On being examined at his residence, it was found that one of his hips was fractured, and that his whole system had sustained a very severe shock. The unhappy accident is all the more serious as Archdeacon Craig is advanced in years.

## LIMERICK ESTATE DISPUTE.

On Tuesday an application was made in the Court of King's Bench, Dublin, on behalf of the defendant, Catherine Kerley, of Janesboro, Roxboro' road Limerick, for an order that four farms of land of which the deceased was tenant at the time of his death be put up for sale. The suit was brought by Messrs. Ganly and Sons of Dublin, to administer the estate of the late James Kerley of Janesboro, Limerick, cattle dealer.

The Vice-Chancellor granted the application, and directed a sale in Court.

## ENNIS LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

### A QUESTION OF A DOOR.

At the meeting of the Ennis District Council yesterday the Local Government wrote returning the plans, etc, of the proposed labourers' cottages to be amended in respect of the back door at the rear, which, it was recommended, should be left out. Certified copies should then be returned for deposit in the office.

The Engineer was directed to have the amended plans prepared.

### DEATH OF A LAY-BROTHER.

The greatest regret will be evoked by the announcement of the death of Brother Dominic of the Dominican Order, which took place yesterday morning after a day's illness. Brother Dominic was a native of Limerick, and since he joined the Order a few years ago was attached to St. Saviour's Church, Glentworth street. He was well known and most popular, and was beloved by the congregation who frequented the Church, where the presence of the young lay-brother was always in evidence.

At the meeting of the Ennis Board of Guardians yesterday a letter was received from the Local Government Board, sanctioning the payment of the following sums in lieu of result fees to the teachers of the Workhouse School, namely: Mr. J. Hinchey, principal teacher £8; Mrs. F. E. M. Hinchey, £8, and Miss McInerney, assistant teacher, £6, provided that the Auditor is satisfied as to the accuracy of the calculations in each case.

## LABOURERS' COTTAGES IN CLARE.

In the House of Commons,

Mr. Sheehan (for Mr. Boland) asked the Chief Secretary whether he can state the reason for the delay on the part of the Local Government Board to sanction the request of the Rural District Council of Tulla, County Clare, relative to the erection of 22 cottages with one acre plots, seeing that all the preliminary inquiries have been carried, and can he explain why no answer has been received to an application made to the Local Government Board to allow the additional half-acre plots to be given to the tenants at present in occupation although the application was renewed on the 5th February.

Mr. Wyndham—The scheme was inquired into by the Local Government Board so long ago as 1895. It was not then sanctioned for reasons which were explained in detail to the local authority. The Board has not received the recent application to which reference is made in the second part of the question.

## LORD CADOGAN AND THE VICEROYALTY.

The King's decision, on the advice of his Majesty's Ministers, not to visit Ireland this year will probably be followed by Lord Cadogan's speedy resignation of the office of Viceroy. It is an open secret (says the *World*) that, had the King visited Ireland, Lord Cadogan would have received a dukedom on his retirement. As it is he will be given one step in the peerage, his earldom being improved into a marquissate.

## COUNTY COUNCIL SOLICITOR.

At a meeting of the U. I. L. at Glin, on Sunday, Mr. Thomas Ruddle, who presided, referring to the recent election of the Solicitor to the County Council, strongly condemned the Council for electing Mr. Leahy, who was, as they all knew, Crown Solicitor, in preference to a Nationalist. One effect of their electing him would in all probability be that in the troubled times before them he would be called upon to prosecute members of the County Council. He was afraid the Nationalism of some members of the Limerick County Council was not of a very robust type.

At a meeting at Brurea, a resolution was proposed by Mr. Thomas Potter and seconded by Mr. Flynn, and passed unanimously, condemning those members of the Limerick Co. Council who profess to be Nationalists, and voted on Monday, the 10th inst., for a Crown official, who may be called upon by the Government (as he is no doubt prepared to do) to prosecute people for being members of the United Irish League, and by their action elected him solicitor to what ought to be the Nationalist Council of Limerick, and asking their several constituencies to have a look out for these gentlemen next June and not place them in a position to act in a similar manner.

HARRIS'S MACHINE-MADE BREAD