

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, & DEATHS

BIRTHS

BENSON—August 2, at 65 Lower Baginot Street, the wife of Charles M. Benson, M.D., of a daughter.
BROWNELL—August 3, 1908, at Thames Lodge, Staines, the wife of Isaac Anthony Brownell, of a son.
CHANCE—July 28, 1908, at 80 Merrion Square, Dublin, the wife of Sir Arthur Chance, of a son.
GWYNN—August 5, at S. Dymna's, Clontarf, wife of Edward Gwynn, of a son.

MARRIAGES

GIBBENS and WOOD—July 29, at the residence of the bride's mother (special licence), by the Rev. E. R. Gibbens (father of the bridegroom), the Rev. George Percy Gibbens, of Madras, to Fanny, daughter of the late John Wood and of Mrs. Wood, Ballymartin, Co. Waterford. No cards.
NUNN and PIGERS—July 29, at St. Bartholomew's Church, Clyde road, by the Rev. Canon Carmichael, assisted by the Rev. Canon White, John Henry Nunn, M.A., Barrister-at-Law, son of the late J. H. Nunn and Mrs. Nunn, 37 Wellington Place, Clyde road, to Florence Sydney, elder daughter of John A. Pigott, J.P., "Tullamaine," Upper Leeson street, Dublin.
RICHARDSON and ACHESON—July 29, at St. John's Church, Belfast, by the Rev. S. E. Cooney, M.A., LL.B., James, eldest son of the late Thomas Richardson, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, to Sarah J., second daughter of the late David Acheson, of Fermanagh.

DEATHS

CLARKE—August 4, at his residence, Clonkeen, Carbury, Co. Kildare, Richard Clarke, in his 84th year.
CORBE—August 3, at Clonsaat, Rathangan, King's Co., Chas. Cobbe, aged 70 years. His end was peace. Ishiah xxvi., 3.
DUNLOP—On Thursday morning, 6th August, 1908, at the residence of her daughter, 121 George Street, Limerick, and in the 92nd year of her age, Emma Frances Dunlop, widow of the late Abraham Dunlop, third daughter of the late Edward Moeran, of Woodview, Cork, and younger sister of the late Edward B. Moeran, D.D. Dean of Down. Interment on Sunday, 9th inst., leaving above address at 9 o'clock a.m. for St. Munchin's.
MILES—August 3, 1908, at Bourneside, Southgate, suddenly, of heart failure, Helen, the wife of John Miles, J.P.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

Half Yearly Report.

At the half-yearly meeting of the proprietor of the Great Southern and Western Railway Co. of Ireland, to be held at Kingsbridge Terminus on Wednesday, the 12th August, 1908, at 2 p.m., the report and statement of accounts will be received for the half-year ended 30th June, 1908.

The statement of accounts, duly audited and verified, show, amongst others, the following figures—Receipts from traffic, rents, etc. 1908, £684,901; 1907, £670,655; profit on half-year's working, 1908, £237,093; 1907, £258,198. Balance available for dividend on ordinary stock 1908, £141,576; 1907, £147,201.

Out of this balance of £141,576 the directors recommend that a dividend at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent. per annum be declared on the Ordinary Consolidated Stock, amounting to £113,167 leaving a balance of £28,409 to be carried forward to the next half-year's account.

The following table shows the receipts of the half-year from traffic, rents, etc., as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year:—

	1908.	1907.
	£	£
Passengers	217,325	240,271
Parcels, Horses, Carriages, etc.	56,954	55,044
Mails	29,122	28,191
Merchandise	249,160	238,195
Minerals	41,771	40,107
Live Stock	63,471	61,478
Rents, etc.	7,098	7,369
Total	684,901	670,655

Net increase, £14,246. The working expenses show an increase of £15,349. The new hotel and pavilion at Killyarney continue to be well patronised by the public. The latter has proved a great success, and is a centre of attraction both for visitors and the residents of the district.

A fourth turbine steamer, the St. Andrew, is now running between Fishguard and Rosslare. The popularity of the route is steadily increasing and there is a considerable development in the export of Irish commodities by it. The works at Rosslare have been completed, including cottages and club for the company's employees. The water supply has also proved very satisfactory.

The rebuilding of the Shannon Bridge is now well advanced, and will shortly be completed.

The following directors retire from office by rotation—Mr. Percy B. Bernard, Mr. J. Perry Goodbody, and Mr. Anthony, E. Graves, and they offer themselves for re-election.

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