

#### WAR OFFICE CAT'S SUCCESSOR.

he announcement of the death of the War Office cat, the authorities have been inundated with cats to fill the place of the well-known Ladies of title have, it is stated, driven up specimens of various breeds. The offspring of a black and white sire and a £500 mother have been offered, but, in fact, the officials are quite embarrassed by the prospect of a successor.

#### THE FASCINATIONS OF HUNTING.

There is no doubt (says a writer in the "Byronic") about the fascination of hunting. The number of new adherents every year, and the old ones who turn out season after season as long as they can sit a horse. "I have not missed hunting more than fifty seasons," said one of our foremost sportsmen to me a few weeks ago; "and thank God I can still ride over fences and see the fun." It is the spirit of your staunch fox-hunter, and when no longer able to ride in the wake of the pack, the love of the sport is ineffacable.

#### PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO VISIT ENGLAND.

It is now known (says the "Times") that after the conclusion of his hunting trip in Africa, early in 1901, Mr. Roosevelt will spend some time in England. He has promised to deliver the Romanes Lecture at Oxford, and the University will, it is expected, confer on him at Commemoration the honorary degree as is held by the Emperor of Germany. Besides the Oxford lecture, the President is expected to make an address at the Sorbonne, in Paris. The exact date, nor the subject of these lectures is as yet known. According to present reports, Mrs. Roosevelt will join Mr. Roosevelt at Southampton on the journey northwards.

#### BREATHING FROM THE EYES.

There is to be seen performing at the October fairs in Munich, says a Paris contemporary, a man who, besides being endowed with extraordinary muscular strength, possesses the rare gift of being able to breathe through his eyes. He gives proof of this by blowing soapy water around one eye, the lid of which is closed. Then he opens the eye, and immediately an iridescent soap bubble begins to form, increases in size until it detaches itself and floats gracefully away. Although this faculty of breathing through the eyes is very rare, there is, says our authority, at least one other instance on record.

#### MINISTRY OF COMMERCE FOR DENMARK.

The London Chamber of Commerce Agency learns that the King of Denmark has granted a charter for the creation of a Ministry of Commerce. The first gentleman to whom this honor was offered was the Danish Consul General in London.

missions to heathen lands. The Rev. Mr. Phair, who initiated and organized the service, spared himself no trouble to ensure a successful result, which he can be congratulated on having attained. The parishioners also feel under a deep sense of gratitude to all the clergymen who assisted, and to none more than to the Venerable Archdeacon Gabbett, for many years a sympathetic friend to the parish.

The Rev. G. C. Phair, Curate in charge, hospitably entertained the Clergy to lunch at the Rectory, and he also invited the congregation to tea, many of whom kindly accepted.

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH PARTEEN.

On Sunday (the Feast of St. Luke) the annual Service of Thanksgiving for the blessings of harvest was held. The Church was very tastefully decorated by Mrs. Hickson, Mrs. Gloster, Miss Newburn, and the Misses O'Brien, with flowers, fruit, vegetables, and creepers. The Service was most hearty, and the congregation was the largest for many years. Mr. Waterstone presided at the organ. The anthem, "While the Earth Remaineth," was particularly well rendered, the solo being taken by Master De Waterstone. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. R. A. Adderley, M.A., taking his text from St. Luke, x.2 "The harvest truly is great but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest that He would send forth labourers into His harvest" (Gospel for St. Luke's Day.) A liberal offertory was given for the Church Missionary Society.

### DEATH OF MR. THOMAS D. M'CARTHY.

The death took place at his residence, the Croom Hotel, on Sunday morning, after an illness of considerable duration, of Mr. Thomas D. M'Carthy. The sad event, which was not altogether unexpected, has been keenly felt in the county, and especially in Croom, where the deceased gentleman was held in the highest esteem. He was a man of considerable ability, which he devoted to the interest of his native town, and was foremost in every work having for its object the uplifting of the people. As honorary secretary of the Croom race committee, no more indefatigable worker could be found, and through his industry and energy the Croom race meetings have enjoyed a prominence which would not otherwise have been the case. By his death Croom is the poorer, and in this hour of their affliction the sympathy of all will be extended to his relatives.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at an inquest at Nottingham on Saturday, on Mr. Charles Crossland, district manager of the Burton Brewery Company, who, on returning home last Thursday night, began to clean a gun, and who, subsequently after a report was heard, was found lying on the floor, dying on Friday.

pledge, and have knowingly tried ever since to deceive countries into believing the pledge on the part of the with Home Rule. That which Home Rule is being Liberals. It is on a par with is now being made of very runs high amongst Catholics and his Government on the But, mark my words for humbug; these penal laws only "Papists," whom it is while one of our Catholics himself degraded by going curate to a Nonconformist who is one of the loudest called for our humiliation. our tongues if we have power to make our representative I am, dear Mr. Mayor,

EDWARD

To the Right Worshipful Mayor of Limerick.

### ALLEGED CITY

At the City Police Court Michael O'Halloran, labourer charged with the theft of jewelry of Mrs. Elizabeth Ferguson Bailey, of Ferguson's Nat. accused, who stated he had remanded to Petty Sessions.

### SCHOONER

Twenty-five

The Cunard mail steamer just arrived at Queenstown brought news of a terrible occurrence on the banks of the Juncosa. Twenty-five of the crew, the captain alone being saved, were swept into the sea in 36 hours to a plank. The schooner, at anchor when a terrific gale swept constantly by, was swept away and the crew had to lash themselves to the rigging. The labouring of the vessel caused her seams to open, and before the crew could get their position she went down. The captain, who was one of his men disappeared from the plank, from which he was rescued. Two dogs belonging to the schooner were found to share with him the fate of the crew. Grasping one of the anchors, he was held under water sufficient time to allow him to get on his feet and once more he had to be rescued. In this situation he was found by the schooner and rescued in a very bad condition, having clung to the rigging in a terrible battle for life for