ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

MR. McO.—(1) The Irish for O'Rea (or O'Raw) is O Riabhaigh. (2) The following statistics have been compiled from reports by Lord Wimborne and Macpherson:—

Irish in the British Army, Aug. 2, 1914 ...	51,046
Irish enlistments to Jan. 8, 1916	86,277
Irish in Navy, Aug. 2, 1914	5,100
Irish enlistments to Jan. 8, '96	3,446
Army enlistments in 1916	19,057
,, ,, ,, 1917	14,023
,, ,, ,, 1918	7,000
Navy enlistments for '16, '17, '18	10,000
Irishmen enlisted in England	35,000
Total	230,949

According to Macpherson's report there were recruited in Ulster between '14 and '17 (inclusive) 58,585. Mr. Devlin was unchallenged when he told the House that half of these men were Nationalists. Mrs. J. R. Green points out that Unionist Antrim and Down only had 1.36 per cent. recruits to the population.

INQUIRER.—The term stock-watering covers a variety of operations that widely differ in their moral bearings. To deal with the matter here is impossible. Later we will devote a long article to the question. It will be sufficient to say for the present that one can neither condemn nor approve, without qualification and generically, what is so complex in its nature and so varied in relation to law. The *Century Dictionary* defines stock watering as "increasing the nominal capital of a corporation or company by the issue of new shares without a corresponding increase of actual capital." What the moralist objects to is over-capitalisation such as, among other evil effects, obscures the real value of a concern and does away with proper security for the creditor or for the shareholder.

DOMINIE.—Many thanks for your letter. There is no dedication in the second edition of the novel.

SELF-DETERMINATION FUND.—Up to date we have been notified of the following Christchurch results:—Christchurch, £250; Waimate, £250; Timaru, £260; Temuka, £97 10s; Greymouth, £266; Hokitika, £79; Ahaura, £63; Akaroa, £73 10s. Total, £1339. South Island Wellington parishes have notified us as follows: Westport, £106; Nelson, £100; Blenheim, £77 13s, making well over £3000 for the South Island to date. Taking into consideration partial results from the North Island, the total is now about £6000 for New Zealand. Stratford is the only Taranaki parish that has sent us a return yet. One Irish priest is alive up there—and he is an Englishman.

CANADA'S AFFLICTIONS.

Bishop Fallon, of London, Ontario, recently declared that Canadians to-day have the spectacle of divorce courts being given to Ontario without the people having asked for it, and of divorce courts being inflicted on Prince Edward Island against the expressed protests of the people of that province.

"For 12 years this province has been subjected to an orgy of moral uplift," the Bishop declared. "The Dominion Alliance, the Methodist Alliance, the Anti-Cigarette League, the Anti-Betting League, the Banish-the-Bar League, and Women's Christian Association have striven for salvation by statute, to legislate us into holiness. It has been their work through the legislature, or through those who control the legislature, to make us holy at all costs if it takes a new statute to do it.

"Now, so far as I am aware, no one ever went to hell through smoking a cigarette. I must confess that when I was a boy I went to the race track and saw a race, and I found it interesting. They banished the bar and I am glad of it. But during recent months an attempt has been made to open wide the door to easy divorce.

"Yet this evil, ten thousand times worse than anything battered and hammered by the uplifters for the last 12 years, is allowed to go unchallenged; this most insidious of all evils, that strikes at the root and foundation of the nation, the morality of the home, threatens, and there is no squeak out of them. What is the taking of a drink, the smoking of a cigarette, or attending a horse race to the breaking up of a Christian home?

"The uplifters are horrified if a man takes another drink, but they're satisfied if he takes another wife. I would rather have a thousand drunkards than one divorced man.

"Where are the uplifters? Where are the Dominion Alliance, the Referendum Committee, the Women's Christian Association, the Ministerial Alliance? They will tell you that you will go to hell if you buy a newspaper on Sunday, but you may have Mrs. X. on Monday, and a different Mrs. X. on Thursday.

"When they launch a campaign against divorce we Catholics will go with them to a man, but till they do, laugh at them and what they teach."

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