

audience, and in the stronghold of Protestantism itself, as the uncompromising Champion of the Catholic Religion. He spoke for several hours each day, and with telling effect, against Col. Gordon, of anti-Catholic notoriety, and the infuriated men allied with him for the purpose of decrying the "one faith." The prevalent disorders of Ribbon and other secret societies in those days, became also the object of his solicitude. They were so perseveringly and so effectually assailed by him, that in connection with all his previous merits he won for himself the proudest compliment ever paid to a priest, and that was from the lips of Daniel O'Connell, (the greatest Catholic layman of the Church, since the days of Charlemagne) who publicly declared him to be the purest and the best of Ireland's priesthood. While he was ever endeared to the widow and the orphan, and the poor and the youth, to whom he was always a provident and indefatigable father; while, at the risk of his popularity, he was always prominent in crushing out the spirit of faction and party from the land, he was also the consistent and uncompromising champion of the religious and political rights of the people, at every phase of his career.

There were few respectable families in the Metropolis of Ireland, or in its vicinity, to whom the fame of his transcendent merits had not become more or less familiar. Few men ever made a wider circle of warm and enthusiastic friends, and among every class and grade of society. For this, unlike other men, he was not indebted to the accident of noble birth or lofty lineage, or the hap-hazard and adventitious aid of any worldly consideration. No; like another Jeremy or a John the Baptist, God evidently destined him from birth for a lofty position in life. He carved him out as a most fitting instrument for the execution of his mighty and merciful designs. His was to have been an eminently successful career; God gave him all the qualities of head and heart that were needed; he cultivated them to the utmost of his ability. He corresponded with his master's designs, and this is the secret, and the only secret of his success. Though it might be urged that his position in so respectable a place as Kingston, and so near Dublin, might have contributed more or less to that success; yet of him indeed. ~~Other~~ great men, it can be truly said that ~~by~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~ava~~ <sup>ava</sup> and more ~~nain~~ <sup>high</sup> position; but position never did, and