

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

It has now transpired that what was supposed to have been an outrage committed upon Mr. James King, Clerk of the Peace, was a mistake. It appears that poachers were firing at Ely Lodge when Mr. King was returning to Enniskillen; the shots were not, consequently, fired at him as it was at first supposed.

THE NEW RULE OF THE NATIONAL BOARD.—The following letter is addressed by the Most Rev. Dr. Dorrian to the clerical managers of National Schools in the diocese of Down and Connor.—

Belfast, Nov. 16, 1872. "REV. DEAR SIR,—I believe no one now doubts the tendency of the recent circular from the Board of National Education to be most mischievous, and that we should carefully avoid committing ourselves by signing the 'agreement'...

Mr. Froude's Lectures.—"THIS STORY OF ENGLAND."—The following letter from the pen of the distinguished patriot and *literateur*, W. J. O'NEILL DAUNT, has appeared in the *Wexford People* of November 23rd:

Kilcassan, Nov. 15th, 1872. Sir,—I have read with interest your article on Mr. Froude's anti-Irish crusade in America. The inevitable inference from his lectures—an inference much opposed to his wishes—is that England is utterly unfit to govern our country.

My object in writing to you now, is chiefly to call the notice of your readers to an admirable book whose appearance at the present moment is particularly opportune—"The Story of England," by T. D. SULLIVAN. You will have observed that Mr. Froude represents the exploits of his countrymen in Ireland as the performance of a mission to civilize the savage inhabitants and reduce them to industry and order.

But if anyone wishes to know the true character of those sovereigns, statesmen, and warriors, and the depth of barbarism in which the English people were sunk, let him read the "Story of England." The author draws his statements from unimpeachable sources. The personages whom English national vanity regards as illustrious are stripped by Mr. Sullivan of their fictitious glories.

The conception of Mr. Sullivan's book is excellent, and its execution is masterly. I wish there was a copy of it at every fireside in Ireland. It shows the true nature of the hideous idol before which the funkeys of imperialism desire us to fall down and worship. Let no man say that it was not called for.

W. J. O'NEILL DAUNT. "THE MAGUIRE TESTIMONIAL."—Letter of the illustrious Archbishop of Tuam:—

ST. JARLATH'S TUAM, } Nov. 18, 1872. My Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter, I enclose a Bank order for five pounds to the credit of the fund in progress on behalf of the family of the late lamented John Francis Maguire.

The Senatorial career of both would not have been unworthy of Gratian and his fellow-laborers of former days, and nought but a national theatre and the ear of a national senate, for which both likewise panted, was wanting to elevate them to the fame and reward them with a share of the fortune bestowed by a grateful country on our anti-union patriots.

When the reiterated cheering for Father Burke had subsided, the Very Rev. Father Starrs, Vicar General of the diocese, addressed the audience briefly as follows: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I have merely a few words to say to you before we separate this evening. You all know that this is the last lecture of the Very Rev. Father Burke in reply to Mr. Froude, the English historian.

What requires more philosophy than taking things as they come?—Parting with things as they go.

Hoping that those who admire genuine integrity and splendid talents, long and zealously exercised in the cause of their country, will come to the aid of John Francis Maguire's family.

Believe me, my dear Sir, Your faithful servant, JOHN, Archbishop of Tuam. John George MacCarthy, Esq., Cork.

Who Did It.—Mr. Froude in one of the early chapters of his lately published work, says of Ireland and the Irish, "The sun never shone on a lovelier country as nature made it. They have pared its forests to the stump, till it shivers in damp and desolation."

Mr. John Martin, M.P., has written the following letter:—"Warrenpoint, Nov. 25, 1872. Dear Dean O'Loughlin,—I am late this year in paying my little contribution to the Irish people's voluntary offering for the support of their Catholic University; but it is not that I feel less sympathy in that noble effort of the Irish Catholics to provide University education for their youth in the Catholic faith and in Irish ideas.

The failure of the potato is at all times a very serious question in Ireland. Twice the breadth of land in that country is yearly under potatoes as compared with this. We grow between five and six hundred thousand acres, they plant a million. When the crop is abundant the surplus is sold or given to live stock. When there is scarcity the favourite food is used with that parsimonious economy which is characteristic of the small Irish farmer, and his defective crop is made to suffice.

NATIONAL BOARD.—The letter of the Cardinal to the clergy of Dublin, advising them to withhold their assent from the new form of agreement between patrons and teachers now insisted upon by the National Board, is being followed by similar action on the part of others of the Bishops, amongst others the Bishop of Down and Connor. This will render nugatory the new scheme of results in Catholic schools, which will exclude the teachers from a considerable portion of the expected increase to their incomes.

LUNACY PROCEEDINGS.—Sir Thomas William Brady and Mr. Rice Hene, Commissioners, sat on Tuesday in the Queen's Bench Chamber to hear a matter in the nature of a writ of *habeas corpus*. A special jury of the county Dublin was empanelled to inquire into the state of mind of Mary M'OWEN, late of Middleton, near Artane, county Dublin. Her brother, the late Thomas M'OWEN, died intestate his personal estate being worth £27,000, to one-third of which the alleged lunatic was entitled, as well as property in her own right amounting to £10,000.

From County Antrim the accounts of the recent storm show that it extended over a very wide area and was extremely destructive. The full strength of the gale was experienced in Belfast where the roofs were blown off several houses, newly built walls were overthrown, and the steeple and belfry of a new Freebyterian Church were brought to the ground.

THE DEFAULTING ACCOUNTANT.—William Collins, late accountant of the Cork Gas Company, was committed for trial on Monday, on charge of having stolen five cheques the property of the company, amounting to £2,500 on the 18th September, and having embezzled £137 in small sums in May. The prisoner absconded to Geneva after the second robbery, but was arrested and delivered up by the Swiss Government at the request of the Foreign Office.

A few days ago Mr. W. Johnston, the member for Belfast, delivered a lecture to an Orange meeting in Preston, in the course of which he described the Home Rulers as enemies of England, who wished to destroy the greatest Protestant Empire the sun ever rested on, and declared it to be the purpose of the Orange Association to sustain the empire against the threatened assault.

At Lisburn, on Nov. 7, a number of Orangemen were returned for trial to the Assizes on the charge of having created a riot in the town on the occasion of the Catholic bazaar and burned the edifice of the parish priest, the Rev. Mr. Kelly. The accused were admitted to bail.

The Earl of Antrim has commenced to open a coal mine, a mine a quarter of a mile from the Glenarm river. It is well known that this mine has been wrought at one time, about one hundred years ago.

GREAT BRITAIN.

HUMBLE-PUR STATEMENT.—The climax of modern English statecraft is the theory of "Arbitration," by which we pay for wrongs we never committed, forfeit rights which we are afraid to defend, virtually abandon colonies which British valour acquired in brighter days, and offer money to every tricker aggressor who is magnanimous to kick and despise us.

The *Manchester Examiner* and the *Liverpool Athlete* regret that at this day, and in all parts of England "parish churches are advertised like beerhouses for sale, and that, as the former observes, 'the owners of livings describe the advantages and details in their advertisements for more graphically than the owners of beerhouses.'"

The *Manchester Examiner* has a striking article on the English address to Prince Bismarck, in favour of the expulsion of the Jesuits. We give the following paragraph:—"On our own behalf, we should like to know exactly what, in the recent career of Prince Bismarck, our English memorialists intend to single out for eulogy. Is it that he is manfully battling for the cause of German unity? Is it even that in pursuit of this object he is determined not to tolerate any interference on the part of ecclesiastical authority? Well, this is reasonable ground for admiration, but we cannot see why it should specially commend itself to religious men in their religious capacity.

THE PHILADELPHIA NORTH AMERICAN having stated that "a big Indian of the Arapahoe persuasion has embraced Christianity in Washington," the *New Orleans Times* remarks that "a mighty small Indian could embrace all the Christianity there is there now."

A desperado in Memphis a short time since coolly shot a citizen, and when an attempt was made by the police to effect an arrest, he shot three of them, killing two, and then escaped in a canoe. Kansas is doing up divorces with a promptness and despatch which threatens to interfere with the custom of Indiana. A lady who was somewhat pressed for time the other day was unmarried, licensed, remarried, and off on her second wedding trip, all within a quarter of an hour.

government, and he has no wish whatever to be at variance with the Pope. Besides, the necessity for getting rid of the Jesuits by depriving them of their civil rights is a thing to be deplored; since, so far as it does not spring from political considerations, the acts to which it leads are acts of persecution, and entitled to our regret if not to our reprehension. We like the Jesuits just as little as the Germans do, but we allow them to settle amongst us, feeling sure that the law is strong enough to keep them in order. The thing really to be deplored is that Germany cannot afford to do the same, and it is a proper subject for commiseration rather than for eulogy.

SECESSION FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—Mention has been already made in our columns of the Bennett case in England; in which ritualism and anti-ritualism were virtually at issue, and the judgment was rendered in favor of the former. This judgment, which was received with general discomfiture among the Evangelicals, has borne fruit in several recent secessions from the Established Church. Rev. C. F. Bird, one of the clergymen, who, after many years of service in the Church, finds himself no longer able to remain in alliance with her gives his reasons as follows:—"The judges who pronounced the recent judgment knew that Mr. Bennett's doctrines were but a slight modification of the Romish mass, and yet they suffered them. Mr. Bennett and those like him said there was a real, actual and objective presence of the body and blood of Christ at the Sacrament. The elements were adored. By priestcraft and ceremonies the Saviour was being hidden from mankind; innumerable saviours were set up instead of the one great sacrifice therefore, he felt it his duty to secede. He was a churchman, and loved the formularies of the church, and he did not intend to join any other denomination; but he could have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness."

London, Dec. 16.—An open air meeting was held in Stockton in favor of the Fenian Amnesty, at which 12,000 persons were present. The crowd was very disorderly, and there was some fighting, during which several persons were injured. The English and Welsh, who outnumbered the Irishmen, charged on the platform, carried off the Irish flags and trampled them in the mud. Mr. O'Jager was announced to speak, but failed to appear.

Intelligence has reached me to the effect that some of the people of East Brent have risen up against the vicar, the well-known Archdeacon Denison, on account of the ritualistic practices which he has introduced into the services of the church. A considerable mob attacked him, and his nephew, pelted them with eggs, covered them with flour, and were with difficulty prevented from dragging them through a horse-pond.

The laborers who emigrated from England to Brazil, to work on farms, have petitioned the Brazilian Government to assist them in returning home. Letters have been received from them giving accounts of the hardships they have suffered, and warning their friends against coming to the country.

SECESSION TO ROME.—The Rev. John Higgins, curate of St. Mary Magdalen, Taunton, has just seceded from the Church of England. Mr. Higgins was received into the Church of Rome on Friday. He was a Cambridge man, and was ordained deacon at Christmas last by the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

The London *Spectator* says there is "probably more flagrant perjury committed in the English divorce court in one year than in any other in five."

UNITED STATES.

A Cleveland woman not long ago modestly requested her husband to go to the dressmaker, and tell her that she (his wife) had changed her mind and would have the watered silk made up instead of the poplin, and that "If she thinks it would look better with bias flounces without puffing, and box-plated below the equator, which should be gathered in heretichated gudgeons up and down the seams, with a gusset stitch between, she can make it up in that way instead of fluting the bobinette insertion and piercing out with point applique, as I suggested yesterday." The man is now a raving maniac.

Miss Maria Huntington, a Georgia girl of seventeen, who is stopping at the Broadway Hotel in New York, was engaged to be married to a clothier named Conklin. A few days ago she quarrelled with him, and immediately went to an Episcopal minister and got married to another gentleman named Walker. By the time husband and wife reached home she changed her mind again, and kissed him once, and told him never to see her more. She then applied for a divorce, and is to be married to Conklin as soon as she is free.

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A YANKEE SABBATH SCHOOL.—Uncle L.—Now Sammy, tell me, have you read the beautiful story of Joseph? Sam—Oh, yes Uncle. Uncle—Well, then, what wrong did they do when they sold their brother? Sam—The sold him too cheap, Uncle, I guess.