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to, and accompanied by an intimation that the noble Lord's autograph letters would be put in evidence. The result (we still speak according to public, very public rumor) has been a compromise, and the with-drawal of the action by mutual consent of the parties. -Dublin Evening Mail.

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ENGLAND.

PROTESTANT MEETINGS .- At a meeting of the inhabitants of Hackney, Mr. Charles Green presented himself on the platform amidst a scene of the wildest Popery from within'-(hisses, groans, and cheers). The privileges they claimed for themselves they were bound to concede to others, whatever their creed-(groans and cheers, and cries of 'To hell with the Pope.') That cry was the most senseless that ever had been raised in this country-(immense tumult). Of all the insane cries that had ever been raised in England, it was the most insane—(cheers, hisses, and groans). What they now complained of had existed for years in Ireland and the colonies-(uproar). They were fighting and raising all this noise, not for a thing, but for a name-(mingled cheers and hisses). There was a geographical definition of the jurisdiction of the Vicars-apostolic, as well as of the newly-ap-pointed bishops--(hear, hear, cheers and groans, and great tumult). In the name of tolerance-in the name of common sense-he protested against this." The tumult here became so tremendous that Mr. Green, finding it impossible to finish his old sentence or to commence a new one, at length retired amid the cheers of about one third of the meeting, and a hurricane of groans from the majority. The rest of the proceedings was "one uninterrupted roar." Resolutions were proposed, seconded, and declared to be carried, and an address to the Queen was waived in the air, but no speaker could obtain a hearing, and it was found impossible to read a single word of the uddress .- Weekly News.

Dr. Cumming has been lecturing at Bristol, and an attack has been made by a Protestant mob headed by an Irish woman, on the residence of the "Sisters of Mercy" in that city.—Ib. THE LUNATICS OF GREAT BRITAIN.—The progressive DA

improvement in the treatment of this unfortunate class is acknowledged as one of the kindest blessings of civilisation. The fifth annual report of the Commissioners in Lunacy has just appeared, and the general result of their inquiries is highly satisfactory. In several instances, however, the visiting commissioners and justices found it necessary to animadvert upon the excessive use of mechanical restraint; on the neglect of cleanliness; on inadequate ventilation; on want of sufficient attendants; on improper or deficient diet; on the dirty condition or scanty supply of bedding and clothing; on irregularities in the medical books; and on other defects. In certain cases the defects brought under their notice were deemed of so peculiar or aggravated a character as to merit indivi-dual censure. This, accordingly, is fully bestowed on some establishments named in the Report. The total number of lunatics (exclusive of single patients) in England and Wales, in June last, was 15,079, of whom the majority (7,905) were females. The private patients are 3,774, or about one-fourth. The rest are set down as paupers. The number "found lunatic by inquisition" is only 238—of whom 85 are females. Those described as "criminal" are 264-of whom 53 are females. This number appears, however, to be exclusive of more than 100 criminal patients in Bethlehem Hospital. The Commissioners strongly urge the propriety of confining "criminal" patients in a separate establishment.

UNITED STATES.

Congness.-There has been nothing of interest transacted at Washington for some days, the business of Congress being much interfered with by the holidays.

FUCITIVE SLAVE LAW .- A case strongly illustrative of the injustice committed by the summary proceeding under this law has lately taken place at Philadelphia. A man named Adam Gibson was arrested in that city, A man named Adam Gibson was arrested in that city, on the ground that he was a fugitive slave, named Emory Rice. Gibson's counsel alleged that he had been emancipated by the last will of his late owner. The Commissioner decided, however, that the man's identity as E. Rice was proved, and he was sent South by railway. Fortunately for him he fell into the hands of an honest man, who had no somer seen him than of an honest man, who had no sooner seen him than he knew him not to be his negro, and at once sent him back. Here, however was a free man who, after a legal process of a couple of hours, was handed over to the interested honesty of a master living hundreds of miles away. Another case of fugitive arrest has oc-curred in New York. The alleged fogitive was a waiter in a dining room. He was suddenly arrested and taken before the Commissioner; but his examination was adjourned without his admission to bail. RELEASE OF MR. CHAPLIN.—Mr. Chaplin was on Tiursday last released from the jail of Montgomery County, Maryland, \$19,000 bail having been entered, to stand his trial on the charge of having resisted the Washington slave-hunters, who tracked him across the Maryland line. He had previously given bail in the sum of \$6000 to appear for trial in the District of Columbia, on charge of aiding in the escape of slaves. The Census of the State of Rhode Island shows a total population of 147,543, being a gain in ten years of 38,712, which is a fraction over thirty-five and a half per cent.

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