

THE COMMITTEE OF A CATHOLIC PRIEST.—We submit that the particular question which he refused to answer related, not to anything which had been told him, but to something which he did not know.

THE STAR.—The magistrats of Glasgow who committed the Roman Catholic priest for refusing to answer a question seem to us singularly wanting in discretion.

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THE LANCASHIRE FUND.—The Times has informed the public that the working classes of Lancashire have very nearly a sum of four millions of money in the savings' banks.

FALSHOODS OF THE ENGLISH PRESS.—The French journal La France asserted, some days ago, that Cardinal Mattei, Bishop of Pelletieri, had ordered all the Jews out of his diocese.

ARMY ESTIMATES.—The Committee of the Cabinet, together with his Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief, have had two meetings within the last week for the purpose of seeing what room there is for reduction in the next Army Estimates.

IN REPLY TO A COMMUNICATION ON THIS SUBJECT, addressed to Earl Russell by the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, the Secretary of the Chamber received the following reply from the Foreign Office.

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PROTESTS AGAINST BISHOP COLENSO.—A considerable body of the clergy of the diocese of Winchester have addressed a memorial to their Bishop on Bishop Colenso's recent work, and his Lordship has promised to bring the matter under the notice of his episcopal brethren at the earliest possible opportunity.

IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL SUIT AGAINST DR. WILLIAMS for his share in the Essays and Reviews, the argument on the amended articles has ended, as every one expected, in a simple reiteration by Dr. Lushington of his former judgment.

DISSENSION HAS ALREADY DONE MUCH FOR THE Transportation question; indeed, so far as the establishment of facts goes, it may be said to have done enough.

THE LONDON TIMES RECOMMENDS THE Labrador Coast as a Penal Settlement for English convicts. It says: "There remain, then, as the fitting spots for Transportation, the colder portions of the two temperate zones, where the climate is healthy but rough, and nature is more sombre and repulsive, more suited to a place of punishment and seclusion than in the bright and beautiful lands which border on the tropics."

THE ISLAND OF SKYE.—The 20,000 inhabitants of Skye have a more precarious subsistence than the inhabitants of almost any other part of the United Kingdom. Their soil is barren, except in a few valleys and at the heads of the interior lochs, and from the mountains the traveller may see how scanty is the tillage.

SORT OF OBLIGATION TO HELP THEM IN THEIR FEARFUL stress. In the absence of a Count Rumford we must use our own wits and heart enough to ship off some cargoes of potatoes, meal, and fuel (peat, if possible, to suit the island hearth).

INNOCENT OR GUILTY?—A Street Dialogue.—Brown.—Ah, Jones, how do you do? So Sir George Grey wouldn't hang that sweep, eh? Jones.—No, certainly not. Sir George believed that he didn't kill his wife.

UNITED STATES. Troy University has been purchased by Archbishop Hughes for a Roman Catholic Theological Seminary. These magnificent buildings were erected for a Methodist University, and the College has enjoyed uninterrupted prosperity from the commencement.

Few persons have any idea of the weight of taxation borne by the people of the United States. They are accustomed to regard those levied by Federal authority alone, ignoring the fact that these in time of peace form the smallest part of the whole assessment.

IN THE FEDERAL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, on the 6th inst., Mr. Wilson, of Massachusetts, stated that the Government owed the soldiers \$50,000,000—many had received no pay for several months, and in consequence their families had been reduced to destitution, and were obliged to seek a home in the poor-house.

THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCER, a Washington paper which publishes the official reports of the debates in Congress, and has peculiar facilities for obtaining information, says that President Lincoln does not believe in the efficacy of his Emancipation Proclamation. It says, in reviewing the document: "This only vital part of the document is to be found in the declaration that 'the executive government, including the military and naval authorities, will recognize and maintain the freedom of the persons proclaimed to be free.'"

THE MANNING OF PENNSYLVANIA.—Why does the citizen of any State, of Pennsylvania for instance, owe obedience to the Constitution? Simply because the ordinance of a State Convention, adopted seventy years ago, has made that Constitution obligatory upon him. The high and solemn act of State authority is all that binds the citizen to obey that instrument.

THE BATTLE OF MURFREESBORO.—Gen. Rosecrans is not as successful with his sword as with his pen. He claims a victory, but the only fight he mentions in his dispatches is the one in which he was unquestionably worsted. All the rebel accounts and the Federal accounts agree in admitting that the battle of Wednesday is a defeat.