

Friendship.

C. S., IN CORN EXAMINER.

Has thou a friend, constant when sorrows fall, As when around the all joy and mirth? O! cherish him as God's best gift on earth...

CATHOLICS OF SCOTLAND.

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JAMES GRANT, J. M'DONALD, GEO. HAY, ETC., AND THEIR TIME.

Notwithstanding the cordial regard and cooperation Lord Linton and Sir John Dalrymple had met with in England, there arose some difference between the Scotch and English representatives, which led to there being separate bills for the two countries.

It was managed so as to have the English bill presented to the House of Commons by two leading members of the Opposition, Sir George Saville and Mr. Dunning.

The English Relief Bill, meanwhile, passed through both houses without a division. It was read a first time on May 15th, and received the royal assent June 3rd, 1778.

It was a source of happiness to Bishop Hay, during his sojourn in London, to be attended with his venerable friend Bishop Chaloner, now in his eighty-seventh year, but who, notwithstanding his great age, enjoyed excellent health.

Returning to Edinburgh with Lord Linton he gave the Scotch Catholics great comfort by informing them that there was, at length, a pretty sure prospect of obtaining relief from the worst and most trying of the penal laws.

The time for the annual meeting of the Scotch Bishops had come, and Bishop Hay repaired to Scalay, where he spent the greater part of July. He was greatly renewed after his labours and busy life in London, by the unbroken repose and invigorating breezes of that lonely glen.

cate and harsh terms." Bishop Grant and his coadjutor, before the close of the meeting, addressed a pastoral letter to the clergy of the Lowland district, congratulating them on the relief that was so soon expected for Scotland in regard to the Penal Laws.

The idea of a bill for the mitigation of the Penal Laws in Scotland excited in an extraordinary degree the anger of the Presbyterian party. No fewer than nine Presbytery synods throughout the country passed resolutions to the effect that the proposed measure must be opposed to the utmost.

The synod of Aberdeen was even more liberal. The influence of Principal Campbell was exerted there; and that synodal body enjoyed the enviable distinction of being one of five synods which pronounced no opinion whatever in the controversy.

The learned Prelate had accused the Principal of "diabolical calumny and damnable detraction," in having asserted that from the despatches of Popes, the opinions of approved divines and even the practice of converts, it was easy to prove that it is not contrary to the will of Heaven to lie, betray or even murder when the supposed interest of the church requires it.

It may with justice be maintained that of all those brave and noble spirits of the past, in none did the fire of holy zeal and fervor to relieve God's poor burn more brightly. To none was fortune more propitious, or more kind, to foster a great work amongst almost unconquerable surroundings.

In the year of 1642 Paul de Chomedey, sieur de Maisonneuve founded the city of Ville Marie, Montreal. At the early date the whole colony in Canada was less than 200 souls, the peace of St. Germaine lay was signed but ten years before, whereby New France was handed back by England to the mother country.

Drummond's pamphlet soon appeared. Its title was: "The lawfulness of breaking faith with heretics proved to be an established doctrine of the Church of Rome; in a letter to Mr. G. H. by W. A. D." This was a brand thrown into the already burning man.

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