

THE FENIAN SUBJECTS.—The six men who were charged with having taken part in the robbery at Allport's were brought up at the police-court to-day.

Foley, who had been arrested on Wednesday, charged with having taken part in the robbery at Allport's was brought up at the police-court to-day.

A man named Reddy, a labourer, was shot through the knee yesterday evening at Williamstown.

THE CONDITION OF IRELAND.—What a terrible fate was that of Ireland a century ago, when, after all the penal statutes that have been repealed, we still find her suffering from the wounds of a time which wrecked her peace, and compelled her people to live a life of misery.

GREAT BRITAIN.

To the Editor of the Times.

Sir,—Though reluctant to attempt any encroachment on your space with reference to personal matters, I feel that I have no alternative at a time when personal charges, however irrelevant, are employed as the means of injuring or impeding a great cause.

1. That when in Rome I made arrangements with the Pope to destroy the Church Establishment in Ireland, with some other like matters, being myself a Roman Catholic at heart.

2. That during and since the Government of Sir Robert Peel I have resisted and (till now) prevented the preferment of Dr. Wyatte.

3. That I have publicly condemned all support of the clergy in the three kingdoms from Church or public funds.

4. That when at Balmoral I refused to attend Her Majesty at Grathie Church.

5. That I have received the thanks of the Pope for my proceedings respecting the Irish Church.

6. That I am a member of a High Church Ritualist congregation.

Aware how in times of public excitement rumors grow and gather through the combined action of eagerness, credulity, and levity, I will not bestow a single harsh word upon any of these statements.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your faithful servant, W. E. GLADSTONE.

11, Carlton-house-terrace, April 24

to the latter, that is to say, a spiritual and voluntary kind of jurisdiction.

Your committee are further of opinion that the Act of 1851, contrary to the professions under which it was introduced, would, if enforced, seriously affect the rights of the Catholic communion in matters purely spiritual and voluntary, for it declares void and attaches the character of illegality to all acts and documents relating to the Episcopal Government of the Catholic Church in these countries, which in evidence or otherwise may come under the cognizance of the temporal courts, or to be necessarily employed in the relations which exist between the Government and the Catholic subjects of the realm.

And your committee cannot consider that to be a satisfactory state of the law, in which violation of an Act of Parliament on one side, and connivance at that violation on the other, seem to be essential conditions for the enjoyment of religious freedom, such violation of the law, as it appears to your committee from the evidence laid before them, being frequently an absolute necessity on the part of Catholic prelates in the discharge of their purely spiritual functions.

In the foregoing remarks your committee more particularly refer to the Act of 1851, but the same principles appear to them to attach to the prohibition of the assumption of local designations in the section of the Act of 1829.

On these grounds, your committee recommend the repeal both of the Act 14th and 15th of Victoria, c. 60, and of a. 24 of the Act 10th of George IV, c. 7.

Your committee submit for the consideration of the House whether, for purposes of legal description, certain modes of designation applicable to Catholic bishops might not be adopted, whereby some inconveniences which have been pointed out to the committee might be avoided.

Finally, upon a full review of the evidence, your committee are of opinion that the repeal of the Act and of the section referred to their consideration, will in no way enable the Hierarchy of the Catholic Church to assume any civil or temporal precedence or authority within the realm, or cause any detriment or inconvenience to the State, or to any class of Her Majesty's subjects, while it would tend to allay the irritation and remove the sense of wrong which the legislation undoubtedly excited among the Catholics of the United Kingdom.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.—The following telegrams on this subject have appeared in our London contemporaries:—The Duke of Buckingham received last night the following despatch, telegraphed from Galie, from the Governor of New South Wales:—

On the 12th of March a person named O'Farrell (sic) (O'Farrell) deliberately shot His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh in the back at a public picnic given in aid of the Sailors' Home at Clontarf Middle Harbor, Port Jackson. Provisionally the wound was not fatal, and he is now able to go on board his ship, and hopes shortly to resume his duties.

The assassin, O'Farrell, was tried by a Special Commission. The defence set up was insanity, but the prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to death.

His Royal Highness has recovered from his wound, and sails for England on the 4th of April.

Further telegrams of the same date as those already made public, from the Earl of Belmore to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, intimate that the assassination of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh was attempted by O'Farrell in pursuance of messages sent from conspirators in this country which ordered the Prince's death. It is understood that O'Farrell was selected by lot to perpetrate the crime, and that the attempt would have been made when the Prince landed in State, but that an opportunity of doing so without risk of injury to others did not occur.

MR DISRAELI AND SIR ROBERT PEEL.—The new number of the Edinburgh Review contains the following statement:—It was not until the great secession had taken place in the Tory party on the repeal of the Corn Laws that Mr Disraeli can be said to have influenced a party in the House of Commons.

It may have occurred to some one of the dozen or fifteen members who were energetic last night in weighing the claims of Oeylon to a representative Government to inquire whether England is not at least as well qualified for the boon.

What is the opinion of the country to be taken, and what is the country?—Times.

LONDON, May 12.—In the House of Commons, this evening, the reply of the Queen to the petition of the House of Commons, based on Mr Gladstone's third resolution, was announced.

Last night a meeting to support the united Churches of Ireland and England was held in the Music-hall, Leeds, but resulted in the object being entirely defeated.

There it seems, according to a statement made in the Owl, to be no surrender on the part of Mr Gladstone in respect of his resolutions on the Irish Church. He is said to have pledged himself that all the resolutions would be moved, and the consequences what they might, and that divisions would be taken on each.

The Bishop of Ripon has expressed his belief that the disestablishment and disendowment of the Irish Church will not contribute to the pacification of Ireland.

LONDON, May 12.—The Right Hon. Henry Brougham, Lord Brougham and Vaux, the eminent lawyer, reformer, legislator, and ex-Chancellor of England, died in his rural retreat at Osney, France, to-day, in the 96th year of his age.

A singular piece of clerical intolerance is reported from Carlisle. The Rev. W. A. Wrigley, minister of the Charlotte Street Independent Chapel, was desired a few days ago to marry one of the members of his church to the young man who had gained her affections.

The members of the Evangelical Union Church at Wislaw are entitled to the credit, or otherwise, of a rather decided and disagreeable 'innovation'; they have resolved, unanimously it is said, that no person who is not a total abstainer shall be admitted a member of their body, and that any member who shall use 'alcoholic liquors not medicinal shall be for the time being—that is, until he renounces his error—cut off from the communion.

Mr. Mill made a very able speech on Tuesday against the abolition of capital punishment for the worse cases of murder.

A GODLY COMPANY.—The following invitation, in the shape of a placard, is now being widely circulated in Manchester:—The Sheffield Hallamshire Band.—The above remarkable band of Christian men have amongst them reformed drunkards, converted thieves, race-runners, dog-fighters, gamblers, and prize-fighters who have been notorious ringleaders in the Devil's service, but, having been converted to God, are now laboring for the conversion of others.

THE VALUE OF A SOVEREIGN.—It is with the deepest regret that we learn the intention of Her Majesty to retire shortly to the Highlands.

THE DISOLUTION.—The Saturday Review allows that it would be a great misfortune that an appeal should not be made to the new constituencies of all the three kingdoms.

AYASTSIAN EXPEDITION.—The expenditure has, of course, been enormous—how enormous, we have yet to learn—but it is gratifying to know that we have been prodigal of nothing but treasure.

One of the longest and most carefully conducted criminal trials has ended in the conviction and sentence of a single one of the accused persons and the acquittal of all those who were alleged to have been accessories to the crime.

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SPIRITUAL MOTHERS.—The natural affinity which forms the basis of spiritual unions, is according to Mr. Heyworth Dixon, a state of heart and soul and spirit, and has no relation whatever to the magnetic attraction of the vulgar metals—such as gold and silver.

There is no one, who was assured, could do it so well, for spirits are punctilious, and only allow themselves to be introduced by duly qualified masters of the ceremonies.

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was discharged by the magistrate, it being sufficiently clear that the charge against him was a mistake.

The Greek Fire Story.—The alleged discovery of the Greek fire in Pimlico will probably be made the foundation of a revival of that public excitement which was kept alive for weeks after the Clerkenwell explosion by the mere ingenuity of newspaper reporters.

The divorce returns of England and Wales for the year 1866 have just been issued. In that year nine divorced men married spinsters, five divorced men married widows, eight non-divorced bachelors and one non-divorced widower married divorced women.

UNITED STATES.

SYRACUSE, May 11.—A State Fenian Convention is now in session here, 157 delegates are in attendance.

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ELACON JERASS.—The highwaymen, the 'garrotes,' the 'pill-thieves,' the 'snack-thieves,' are not half so dangerous to day as the unjust judges.

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