

HARVEST PROSPECTS.—A Dublin letter says:—Nearly all the accounts are unfavorable, the unseasonable weather doing considerable mischief.

The Cork Examiner of 16th ult., thus reports:—"The day has been rather showery, after variable weather previously, and seems rather an unpropitious day for harvest."

The OMANON QUESTION.—Ireland, at the present hour, maintains for itself the character of being the most peaceful and moral country in the world.

My Dear Sir,—As I understand that you have invited the Rev. Samuel G. Potter to preach in your church next Sunday, I regret to say that I feel it my duty to inhibit him from doing so.

It has been my heartfelt desire and constant object to promote brotherly love among all sects of Christians throughout my diocese, in which object, I rejoice to say, I have had the co-operation of your clergy, and it would be a source of deep regret to me, and equally so, I am sure, to all right-minded persons, were those kindly feelings which are springing up amongst us to be checked or imperilled by a repetition from a pulpit in Belfast, of the language and sentiments reported to be used by Mr. Potter in Downpatrick, or those which he subsequently embodied in a letter recently published by him.

Under these circumstances, my duty, though painful, is clear, and I must in consequence inform you that I cannot consent to Mr. Potter officiating in Belfast. I feel assured that you will respect, even should you not concur in my views, and that this expression of my opinion will obviate the necessity of any more formal intimation.

This inhibition was, however, unheeded. The Northern Whig says that on Sunday, according to advertisements and Orange placards extensively circulated, the Rev. Mr. Potter, Incumbent of Stratford-upon-Avon, preached twice in the Parish church, Belfast.

The progress of the Judges of Assize throughout Ireland, has been a peaceful, pleasant march. They have gone on their way rejoicing.

The 12th of August in DERRY.—LONDONBERRY, August 12.—To-day is the 12th of August, and the Apprentice Boys have been celebrating, in the usual way, the anniversary of the "opening of the gates."

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HOUSE OF COMMONS, AUG. 6.—CHIEF JUSTICE MONAHAN AND THE GRAND JURY OF FERMANAGH.—Mr. Griffith asked the Chief Secretary for Ireland whether 13 out of the 29 grand jurors of the county Fermanagh had lately signed and presented an address to Chief Justice Monahan, repudiating some advice which he had given in his charge against party emblems and banners by the use in such address of the following terms—"they firmly believe that, unless owing to the remarks of his Lordship, no possible collision could occur between parties of different creeds in this county," and that "his Lordship's strictures would only lead to a more determined war upon their legal rights on the part of the Protestants, and to an aggravated idea of moral injury on that of their Catholic fellow-countrymen," whether at Londonderry and Baniskillen Orange flags had not been hoisted and party tunes played by the bells of their churches during the presence of Chief Justice Monahan and Baron Hughes at the duties of the assize; and if so, whether, in the opinion of government, gentlemen who could offer such an address to a judge of assize, and thereby encourage such party proceedings on a judicial occasion, had shown themselves to be intrusted with the commission of the peace in Ireland.

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