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NOTES.

The following letter, from His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, has appeared in the Dublin Evening Mail.

Sir,—My attention was very naturally attracted by the following paragraph, published in the Dublin Evening Mail of last Wednesday:—

Rome, Tuesday.

A deep impression has been caused in clerical circles here by the pointed refusal of His Holiness to pronounce a blessing upon certain medals and reliquaries tendered him for that purpose by an Irish priest, who was presented to him at the Vatican by Monsignor Kirby, Rector of the Irish College. The Pope inquired whether these objects were for distribution in Ireland alone, and upon being assured that they were, he said sternly, "Then I cannot bless them. The people of Ireland are disobedient, and seem to prefer the gospel of Dillon and O Brien to the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

I lost no time in sending a copy of the paragraph to the venerable Prelate whom it so distinctly names.

I have to day received from His Grace the following emphatic telegram in contradiction of the story:—
"Enclosure false; impudent fabrication."

I know that you will make no difficulty in publishing this contradiction.—I remain, dear sir, faithfully yours,

†WILLIAM J. WALSH, Archbishop of Dublin.

4, Rutland Square East, Dublin. December 17, 1888.

The Archbishop of Dublin's prompt action in regard to this lie has had a very satisfactory result. It has brought the story before the highest authorities at Rome and secured an official contradiction in the Osservatore Romano. The Roman authorities are now aware of the industrious efforts that are being made to sow discord between Rome and Ireland.

Mr. H. F. McIntosh writes to the Week of the 4th inst. as follows: "In Prof. Goldwin Smith's article on Polemical and Propagandist Novels, which you reproduce from

the Independent in last week's issue, the statement is made that 'it certainly is difficult to find a copy of "Loss and Gain." I certainly had no difficulty in obtaining my copy. It is published by Burns & Oates in the new and uniform edition of Cardinal Newman's works, and may be had of any Catholic bookseller. What is more, it is still widely read and admited, though the phases of Anglican life therein depicted are rapidly passing away."

In one of the Catholic churches of this city there was a fair held last week. Among other contests there was one "for the most popular liquor dealer." Shame! Shame!! How can Catholic journalists be expected to repel insults to the Church when Catholic priests give ammunition to the enemy.—Catholic News. (N.Y.)

As the Milwaukee Citizen suggests, a contest between the "most popular free-masons" would bring in money too. Either kind of contest indicates a similar kind of Catholicity and morality.

A fact has come to light lately which should lead the Tory Catholic Tablet to look with less horror and dread upon Mr. Patrick Ford, of New York, and his family. That fact is that the Messrs. Ford and the Tablet get their Roman news from the same correspondent, Miss Eades. Some of our contemporaries are suggesting that the visiting card presented by this lady to Roman Cardinals and English Catholic dukes, should bear the inscription: "Miss Eades, Correspondent of the N. Y. Freeman's Journal, Irish World, and London Tablet, which would remove the fear that the Irish World is a package of dynamite.

The special correspondent of the *Pilot* in Rome, a careful and conservative Catholic writer it is said, one of twenty years' intimate knowledge of Vatican proceedings, writing on December 3rd says:—"There is a feeling prevalent amongst many ecclesiastics here that Mgr. Persico failed egregiously in his mission to Ireland. The proof they cite is the very secondary place to which he has just been nominated—Vicar of [St. Peter's, or substitute to the arch-priest of that basilica. I have been told by a prelate here that the salary attached to the position is only \$30 a month. Anyhow, he is placed out of the current that might lead him to the Cardinalate, as his friends anticipated for him." Is this, one is tempted to ask, an intimation of the methods and morals of Christian diplomacy?

An announcement will be found elsewhere of the reception into the Catholic Church at Ottawa, a few days ago, of a gentleman for many years actively identified with Anglican Church movements. A paragraph in the Mail of the 29th, announcing the circumstance, concludes with this peculiar admission. "He has long been known as a student of the points of divergence between the two Churches, and his conversion was not altogether unexpected by his friends." That is to say, when a man begins to look into these matters, the worst, from the Protestant point of view, may be expected.

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