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"It is impossible," the writer says, "to consider this table without seeing that all ground of alarm at a too rapid reduction of the population may be dispensed with. The great reduction took place in the first seven years. The reduction has now come to so low a figure that with the large remittances to emigration, notwithstanding the large take twelve years to reduce the population to 5,000,000."

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

The Dublin Orangemen, having assembled in the Rotunda to curse Home Rule, appear to have played pretty effectively the part of Idiama's ass. They admit that they are a miserable minority dependent on foreign support for the maintenance of their hateful principles. "They must rely," according to Brother Rev. James Jones, "on their brethren in England."

The annual election of Mayors took place in the various Corporations of Ireland on Monday. In five places—namely, Limerick, Wexford, Londonderry, Belfast, and Clonmel—the outgoing Mayors were re-elected, and the gentleman re-elected in Wexford, Alderman Greene, held the office five times before.

FARMERS' CLUBS AND THE GENERAL ELECTION.—At the Kanturk Farmers' Club on Saturday, in consequence of evictions on the property of Mr. Jackson, near Kanturk, resolutions were adopted calling on the clergy and people of the four neighbouring unions to form a tenant's defence fund, and requesting all farmers to refrain from bidding for the farms in which tenancy was about to expire, until the outgoing tenants should have arranged with the landlord.

HOME RULE.—The unexampled prosperity of the United States under a federal form of government, in which the rights of several States are preserved under a single central government, has suggested to many of the leading minds of Ireland a similar solution of the chronic question of Irish misrule.

HOUSEHOLD CARES.—Mrs. Kirkland has very truly said that woman is never really healthy happy, without household cares. But to perform household work is too frequently considered degrading. Even when the mother, in obedience to the traditions of her youth, condescends to labor occasionally, the daughters are frequently brought up in perfect idleness, take no bodily exercise except that of walking in the weather, or riding in cushioned carriages, or dancing at a party.

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THE LATE TRAGEDY AT BALLINAMULT.—For some days past the body of the unfortunate suicide Sub-constable Buoyon, has been lying at a place called Clonagagail, within two miles of the village of Ballinamult, in the county Waterford. On Thursday morning, about two o'clock in the grey dawn, a number of the peasantry assembled stealthily, and having possessed themselves of the coffin with the remains, brought it to Ballinamult and placed it just outside the police barracks.

IN A RECENT number of the American Gael Mr. Edmond O'Neill, a gentleman not unknown in Ireland, dwells at length upon the subject of Irish Emigration. With Mr. O'Neill's politics we have no concern; but his facts are worthy attention. He is opposed to Irish emigration, because Irish men and women are now but little benefited by a residence in the United States.

AN IRISH PEER is an anomalous personage. Politically he is nobody, and personally he is almost indescribable. He cannot sit as a commoner to represent his countrymen, and he cannot sit with his peers save by accidental election. There are 77 Irish Peers who are also British Peers, and who sit as such in the House of Lords.

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A SAD STORY.—A correspondent communicates the following to the Dundee Guardian (New Zealand):—A few days ago a sad spectacle was presented at the Police Court. A woman about 40 years of age, and bearing the remains of beauty about her was charged with vagrancy—and, having been several times before the bench for the same offence, she was sent to prison for a term of some months.

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