

EMIGRATION.—The statistical return of emigrants from the port since the 1st of July, which is the turning point of the season shows that there is still a great increase in the vitality of the exodus at a period when during previous years there was a marked and decided falling off.

The Irish Protestant Bishops foresee the storm which is about to burst on the head of the Venerable Monarchy, from which they and their subordinates derive such immense revenues.

On Saturday Aug. 17, an accident occurred at Queenstown harbor, by which the lives of some twenty persons were imperiled but fortunately not sacrificed.

THE IRISH HARPER.—Long before the lyre was known in Rome or Greece, the Gael of Ireland had attained a high degree of perfection in the form and management of the harp.

The privileges obtained by the passing of the Offices and Oaths Bill will not be suffered to fall into abeyance by the Corporation of Dublin.

The increased importance of Dublin as a commercial port is evidenced by the demand for shipping accommodation.

A correspondent of the Dublin Freeman writes:—The Irish Peasantry Society of London has placed at the disposal of the Bantersbury Union Farming Society the sum of £25 each, to be expended by them in the encouragement of neat cottage dwellings and cottage gardens in those unions.

NOT DOG ORN.—The public expense incurred in the administration of the Doge Regulation Act in Ireland in the year 1866 amounted to no less than \$6604.

DUBLIN, Aug. 16.—From one end of the country to the other we hear of but one subject of engrossing interest.

Never has there been a brighter promise of an early and abundant harvest. The sunshine we continue to enjoy has completely dispersed the gloomy fears and misgivings which were beginning to form in the minds of the farming classes, and they now regard the prospect with unwonted confidence.

Some corn has been cut in this county during the past week, and the golden hue visible in the fields, particularly in the early districts, indicates that reaping will be general in the first week in September.

THE CROPS IN THE SOUTH OF IRELAND.—A traveller through the South of Ireland, during the last few days, supplies the following general statement of the crops.

FLAX CULTIVATION IN IRELAND.—A public meeting has been held in Belfast to discuss the desirability of forming an association for the extension of the growth of flax in Ireland.

RITUALISM.—The Commission upon the Ritual of the Church of England have agreed upon the following Report:—“To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty:—Your Majesty having been graciously pleased to issue a Commission reciting that ‘differences of practice have arisen from varying interpretations put upon the Rubrics, Orders, and Directions for regulating the course and conduct of public worship in the administration of the Sacrament and other services contained in the Book of Common Prayer according to the use of the United Church of England and Ireland, and more especially with reference to the ornaments used in the churches and chapels of the United Church and the vestments worn by the ministers thereof at the time of their ministrations,—and that it is expedient that a full and impartial inquiry should be made into the matters aforesaid with the view of explaining or amending the said Rubrics, Orders and Directions, so as to secure general uniformity of practice in such matters as may be deemed essential,—and enjoining your Commissioners to make diligent inquiry into all and every the matters aforesaid, and to report thereupon from time to time as they, or any ten of them, may appear to be most expedient, having regard not only to the said Rubrics, Orders, and Directions contained in the said Book of Common Prayer, but also to any other laws or customs relating to the matters aforesaid, with power to suggest any alterations, improvements, or amendments with respect to such matters, or any of them, as they, or any ten or more of them, may think fit to recommend.’”

“We are not yet prepared to recommend to your Majesty the best mode of giving effect to those conclusions with a view at once to secure the objects proposed and to promote the peace of the Church; but we have thought it our duty, in a matter in which great interest is attached, not to delay the communication to your Majesty of the result at which we have arrived.”

“We have placed in the Appendix the evidence of the witnesses examined before us, the documents referred to in the evidence, or produced, before the Commissioners, the cases laid before us, which were submitted to eminent counsel on either side of the

question, together with the opinions thereon: also the report on the subject made by the committee of the Lower House of the Convocation of the Province of Canterbury, and the resolutions passed by the Upper as well as the Lower House of the Convocation, and the resolutions passed by the Convocation of the Province of York.”

“All which we humbly beg leave to submit to your Majesty.”

“19 Aug., 1867.”

FATHER IGNATIUS ON SOCIAL VICES.—Father Ignatius, like the Marquis of Westmeath is of opinion that the reporters are a bad set. In his sermon of last Sunday week he called upon them, if any were present, to note carefully every word he was about to utter, but he doubted if they would; it would not suit the devil to let them do that. Perhaps there were some Christian editors in the church—editors of some dissenting papers—it did not matter; perhaps all the better. Let them publish to the world what he was about to say.

THE PROTESTANT LECTURE HALL.—On Sunday afternoon and evening Mr. Murphy preached the concluding sermons in the Protestant Lecture Hall. In the afternoon he took for his text the 30th and 31st verses of the 5th chapter of Jeremiah.

An INFLUX OF BISHOPS.—Several Colonial bishops are at present in London, and the Cape will just arrived brought the bishops of Grahamstown and Orange Free State.

TRADES UNIONS.—We invite the public this morning to follow us in a review of the steps through which a very interesting public question has passed during the last twelve months.

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an insult to Trades' Unions to combine these two inquiries. It was argued, logically enough that to assign the investigation into the Sheffield murders to a Commission sitting on Trades' Unions was to presume that the Unions had some connexion with the murders, and so to prejudice these Societies in the public eye.

It is satisfactory to see that the Unionists of the metropolis and other places have been prompt in their denunciations of these excuses for murder in reality there is not so much as a grain of reason at the bottom of the outrageous argument.

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of the working classes by discouraging on the rights of man. Lord Russell, his embryo Reform Bills and his Magna Charta speeches, are relegated for ever to the limbo of respectable antiquity.

The Pall Mall Gazette of Thursday last, asks what Lord Westmeath and Mr. Whalley are about that they have not instantly called the attention of the British public to the last success achieved by the Jesuits? Have they been so busy with their own personal Parliamentary woes that they have not had time to study the examination lists of the University of London, now just published? Is it not a matter for serious consideration that at the first B. A. examination the Jesuit College of Stonyhurst this year supplies one-fourth of the young men who have gained honors in mathematics and mechanical philosophy?

Some progress has been made during the late Session in the removal of religious disabilities. All public functionaries, with the anomalous exception of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, have been relieved from the obnoxious test of denouncing transubstantiation, and a Select Committee has by the casting vote of the Chairman reported against the policy of the Ecclesiastical Titles Act.

“The Young Catholic Guide,” is the title of a new Catholic Monthly Sunday School Magazine published in Chicago, with the approbation of the Right Rev. Bishop of that city.

Some further details respecting the Fenian Congress at Cleveland, have leaked out in the local paper. Roberts was re-elected President, but refused to act unless the Congress would raise \$500,000 for the cause.

The Hon. Wm. A. Graham, of North Carolina, whom the Whigs once ran for the Vice Presidency, in a letter recently published, thus depicts the condition of the South:—“The situation of the States of the South is indeed melancholy. We are realizing the truth of the declaration of Mr. Fox, that the most dangerous of all revolutions is a restoration.”