

lished it with the blood of their martyrdom." Yes ! it was the saints of their *own* land that the venerable, the learned, and the celebrated Benedict the XIVth held up to the Irish prelates and to the Irish people as models for imitation, and shall we not be permitted in this land to hold up anything Irish, but even be called upon to lay aside everything Irish and to adopt in their stead, the practices, the customs and the habits of *Yankee land* ! ! *Were the habits and the customs of that land preferable to our own*, even then time would be required to effect the change—time only could effect it ; and he who would attempt to effect it before the time would only stir up feelings and prejudices, which, instead of hastening, would but retard the accomplishment thereof. But *the reverse being the case*—may God in his goodness remove far from us the time when the Irish or their descendants shall lay aside the pious practices of the *old land* and adopt the maxims and habits of the new world !

Shall we be told again that even in Canada the Catholic cause requires the united energies of all her children, and that, therefore, we Irish should lay aside our nationality, unite with our Canadian brethren, and thus oppose a powerful front to the non-Catholic element around us ! We believe indeed that the Irish and Canadian Catholics should unite, and unite as one man, in support of our common faith ; but to unite, it is not necessary for either the one or the other to lay aside their feelings of nationality ; on the contrary, union requires that those nationalities should be preserved distinct ; if you put the two people into one body, you do not *unite*, you only fuse, and amalgamate them, and their *very* nationalities are jarring elements that will not *amalgamate*, that will not bear the fusion, and