

PARNELL AND THE PROPHETIC DESTINY
OF IRELAND.

A SERMON,

DELIVERED BY THE

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On Sunday Evening, October 23rd, 1887, in the Bond Street
Congregational Church, Toronto.

Bond Street Church was densely crowded last Sunday evening to hear the Rev. Joseph Wild, D.D., preach on "Parnell and the Prophetic Destiny of Ireland." The learned Doctor was never more forcible, convincing or eloquent than on that occasion, and the enthusiasm of the audience manifested itself in frequent irrepressible outbursts of enthusiastic applause. The following is a *verbatim* report of this famous discourse :

TEXT.—Deuteronomy xxxiii. 6: "When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel."

The Bible assigns to man a noble origin and glorious future. From it we learn that man is more than a mere creature of growth, or a link forged by the evolutionary forces of nature. He is, indeed, finely adjusted to nature, and we can admit that nature is strong, subtle, rich and complicated in her productions, but yet not competent by any hidden or revealed power to produce man. She can continue within limited lines and co-operation to propagate humanity. Our own intuitions and consciousness affirm that we are something more than improved monkeys, or the *ne plus ultra* of a nomadic development. The Darwinian theory may be true in the realm of worms or domain of insects, but the effect in man's case is