

**INCREASE OF POPULATION.**—Notwithstanding the great and increasing number of emigrants who are every year leaving this country, the population so far from being diminished has increased; for the annual addition, or the excess of the births over the deaths, as shown by the decennial census, must now be about 350,000; or to put it in another shape, there are (saving the effects of emigration) *about 1000 persons more in the British Isles every day than there were on the day before!*

**INCREASE OF CHRISTIANS.**—The following table exhibits the progressive increase of Christians, from the first age to the present time :

1st age	500,000	11th age	70,000,000
2d do.	2,000,000	12th do.	80,000,000
3d do.	5,000,000	13th do.	75,000,000
4th do.	10,000,000	14th do.	80,000,000
5th do.	15,000,000	15th do.	100,000,000
6th do.	20,000,000	16th do.	125,000,000
7th do.	25,000,000	17th do.	185,000,000
8th do.	30,000,000	18th do.	250,000,000
9th do.	40,000,000	19th do.	260,000,000
10th do.	50,000,000		

**MATRIMONIAL STATISTICS.**—At the age of 60, there are but 22 unmarried men alive for 48 married; at 70, 11 bachelors for 27 married men; and at 80, for three bachelors, who may chance to be alive, there are nine benedicts. Very nearly the same proportion holds good in the female sex, of whom while 72 who have been married, attain the age of 45, only 52 unmarried reach the same term of life.

**POLITICS OF CHRISTIAN MINISTERS.**—There is only one case in which it is conceived that the partisanship of a Christian minister is at all justifiable. Should the government of our country ever fall into the hands of an Infidel or demi-Infidel Administration—should the men at the helm of affairs be the patrons of all that is unchristian in the sentiment and literature of the country—should they offer violence to its religious establishments, and thus attempt what we honestly believe would reach a blow to the piety and the character of our population—then I trust that the language of partisanship will resound from many of the pulpits of the land, and that it will be turned in one stream of pointed invective against such a ministry as this; till by the force of public opinion it be swept away as an intolerable nuisance from the face of our kingdom.—Sermon by Dr. Chalmers on the death of the Princess Charlotte.

To the Editor of the Dublin Record.

**PLENARY INDULGENCES.**—DEAR SIR,—Some time since, my attention was directed to an account in your paper of a gift made by the present Pope, of the body or sacred relics of St. Valentinus to the Order of Carmelites in this city. Last week a coarsely printed hand-bill was circulated about town, stating that the body had arrived, and was deposited in the Carmelite Chapel, in Whitefriar Street, adding, also, that the Pope had attached a PLENARY INDULGENCE to the repetition of certain prayers in said chapel before the sacred relics. Yesterday I visited the chapel, and having passed through the crowd to the altar, to which I was led by one of the numerous attendants in the place, I saw a grating fixed underneath the altar, and

through this grating, what appeared to be a coffin or case covered with crimson velvet, fringed with gold lace. There was a group of worshippers prostrate before the grating, whose actions surprised me not a little; they continued to thrust their fingers through the grating, and to rub old gloves and fragments of linen cloth against the velvet covering of the coffin. Having enquired of the guide the meaning of this proceeding, he informed me, with great animation, that the people were extracting holy virtues from the blessed saint's body, in order to cure, by those sanctified pieces of cloth, all manner of diseases. Perfectly disgusted with the whole business, I left the chapel immediately, and thought it right to give publicity thus to what I had witnessed. When such an imposition can be fearlessly practised on Roman Catholics of every rank by their priests, I would ask what may they not be inclined to believe and do by the same masters? When such superstition openly prevails, are we not guilty, in the most awful degree, if we do not use every honest means in our power, by Scriptural education and controversial preaching, to deliver our poor fellow-countrymen from such a system of iniquity?

I remain, your obedient servant,

C. M. FLEURY.

Dublin, November 13, 1837.

The following is copied *verbatim*, from a hand-bill which has been industriously circulated about the streets of Dublin by the monks of Whitefriar Street. We (*Dublin Record*) thank them for it, as it distinctly shows that Popery only wants "a clear stage" to exhibit all the abominations of the dark ages, whatever her double-tongued advocates may pretend to the reverse:—

"PLENARY INDULGENCES.

"CARMELITE CHURCH, WHITEFRIAR STREET.

"On Wednesday, the 8th instant, there will be seen the Holy Body of Saint Valentinus, martyr, for forty successive days, in the CARMELITE Church, Whitefriar Street, sent from Rome by his Holiness Pope Gregory XVI.

"HIS HOLINESS, POPE GREGORY XVI.,

"Has granted to all Christian faithful of either sex, who, being truly penitent, and having confessed, and received the holy communion, shall visit the church of the Carmelites, Whitefriar Street (which has been appointed by the Archbishop of Dublin for the exposition of the blessed body of Saint Valentinus, martyr), a Plenary Indulgence, commencing at first Vespers, and continuing until sunset of said day, and with the privilege of applying those indulgences, by way of suffrage, to the faithful departed; and also an indulgence of forty days, if they shall before his holy body (placed in said church), with contrite heart, devoutly recite daily, three times, a Pater, Ave, and Glory be to the Father, in honor of St. Valentinus, and according to the intention of his Holiness.

"\*\* The miracles wrought by St. Valentinus were numerous.

"O'Hanlan, Printer, Great Strand Street."

**VALUE OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.**—Let the following testimonies recommend the careful perusal of the sacred book:—

JOHN LOCKE.—Study the Holy Scriptures; especially the New Testament; therein are contained the words of eternal life. The Bible has God for its Author; salvation for its end; and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

SIR MATTHEW HALE.—I have been acquainted with men and books: I have had long experience in learning and in the world. There is no book like the Bible