

farm rent which was liable to vary at intervals according to the price of grain.

#### MINISTERS' MONEY ABOLISHED 1854.

In 1854, "Ministers' Money," a tax for maintaining the clergy in towns, was abolished, and an equivalent made payable by the Commissioners. Thus, after 1854, all charges of the Established Church were removed from the people. The tithe rent charge only remained, and the great majority of owners in fee who paid the tithe were members of the Church. Unquestionably, after this settlement of the temporalities question, all opposition to the Church as an establishment gradually died out in Ireland. It was a cause of much weakness, and consequent loss, that the Church at this time was not given some representative or consultative voice in the settlement of her temporalities, instead of throwing all the funds drawn from the suppression of bishoprics and taxation of the beneficed clergy into the hands of a Commission. If the Church had a voice in the administration of those funds, instead of Commissioners appointed by the Government of the day, we should have understood earlier, and under less sudden and depressing conditions, the lessons learned so well after 1871. The multitude of beneficed clergymen with starvation stipends would have been relieved and given heart for their often arduous duties; the emoluments of benefices with large stipends and little work might have been in a measure transferred to those where the masses of the Church population resided, and the anomalies which aided so largely the final confiscation would have been remedied; the maintenance of the Church fabrics and of Divine Service might have been committed to the care of the members of the Church, who would thus have learned earlier to take an interest in their churches and the decent order of the services, and thus the reproach which fell on our Church would have been sooner rolled away.

#### EVANGELICAL REVIVAL.

The evangelical revival arose at the beginning of the century. The Bethesda Church was built and occupied in 1805 by the Rev.