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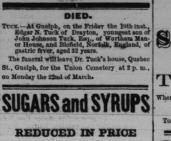
THE IRISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH. The "beginning of the end" is at hand; and Mr. Gladstone, in the British House of Commons, has completely ex-plained his plan for dealing with the Irish Church. It is, in the first instance, to be immediately disendowed—and this disendowed is to be seen to be to be immediately disendowed—and this disendowment is to be a complete strip-ping, so that even what is given back will be technically a re-endowment.— Bishops or incumbents are to be paid an annual income equal to his present re-ceipts, and also curates whose position has any vectorized be represent. couple, and also curates whose position has any pretension to be permanent. Af-ter the 1st of January, 1871, the Irish Bishops will cease to sit in the House of Lords, and jurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical Court in Ireland will be at end. But Mr. Gladstone also proposes that the State shall recognize, when it is formed, the "governing body" for the Irish Church, duly representing the bishops, the clergy, and the laity. This body is not to be created by the State, but is to not to be crasted by the State, but is to be recognized by it only after it is form-ed; and when this "Church body" has been instituted, an incumbent may com-mute the position which he occupies to-wards the State, and the pay which he receives from it into a similar position to-wards the new "governing body," and similar pay from it. The spirituality of the Irish Church will be untouched; it will continue to have its ordinary num-ber of Bishops; and its connection with the English Church will be undflected by the State. So far as we understand Mr. Gladstone's declaration, it will be a Free Church, in full communion with the Eng-lish Church. While losing its State lish Church. While losing its State character, the Church union will be pre-served. The Presbyterian Church in Ulster is to lose its Regium Donum, and the Catholic College of Maynooth its annual grant ; but, in each instance, life interests are to be protected on precisely the same principles as those which Mr. Gladstone applies to the case of the Episcopal clergy.

copal clergy. As regards the disendowment, the Church is to retain all the private proper-ty bequeathed since 1660, the date of the Restoration—that being the period when the Irish Establishment really first took its present Protestant Episoopal shape.— It will, besides, obtain possession of all the churches which it has now in use.— Exercision will be donate out an end to Everything will be done to put an end to the local and annual payment of tithes Last of all there is the great question of the surplus. Mr. Gladstone calculates of the surplus. Ar, conditione calculates that the capitalized value of the whole of the Irish Church property is, in round numbers, sixteen millions; over half of this amount will be absorbed in satisfying life interests, giving compensation to lay officials and owners, and in reserving private endowments and church build-The other eight millions, Mr. Gladstone proposes to apply to the main tenance of county lunatic asylums and infirmaries for the deaf, dumb, and blind, and other persons afflicted with bodily in firmities or deformities, who will hereaf-ter have no longer to depend on the dona-tions of the rich or the scanty offerings PROF. C. A. STEPHENS

DEATH OF BURNS' SON-IN-LAW.--The Glasgow papers state that Mr. John. Thomson, the husband of the sole sur-viving daughter of Burns, died at Crossmy-loof. Ho was brought up at the loom, but about the beginning of this century was a sergeant in the Stirlingshire mli-tia, and his colonel, by whom he was much respected, often spoke of him as the handsomest man in the regiment. While at Dumfries he met Elizabeth, daughter of Burns, whom he married while she was not quite out of her teens, and on leaving Dumfries he was present. 1869. while she was not quite out of he and on leaving. Dumfries he was ed by Jean Armour with man scripts and relics of the poet. T was not only a main of great, strength, but had a wigorque into a great fund of genuine humor, his day produced some good ver

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Tied out by large successive editions. It is not so certain that Newfoundlam will come into Confederation as appeare a few days ago. Both Honses of th Legislature gave an expression favorabl to Confederation, but the question is t be submitted to the people before it i decided. The lesson of the Nova Sec tian difficulty, it appears, has not bee lost on the government of Newfoundland



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