

is pleased to consider as taught to neglect the Bible. But I would ask him why he baptizes his child? He cannot tell why he does it, only he does it, and would not for the world leave it undone. Nor does his minister know why he makes the sign of the cross upon the head of the child when baptizing it, nor can he tell why it is necessary, that it should be apologised for in the Prayer Book; but both the one and the other, whether they know it or not, depend upon the authority of the Catholic Church.

Then again, Protestants say, the Scriptures are infallible; so they are, but not to them.—To be infallible they must be infallibly interpreted, and not according to the fruitful and frenzied fancies of every presumptuous mind, that declares itself directed by God to unfold them.

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### General Intelligence.

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#### THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

(From a Correspondent of the Cork Examiner.)

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Your Catholic readers will be edified and delighted to hear that the confusion and opposition to Ecclesiastical authority which has unhappily existed so long at "St. Patrick's," is nearly at an end. A display of great attachment to a beloved pastor has led the congregation of this district into acts of insubordination and irreligion, which the Catholic religion could never sanction; but now, that they are convinced of the impropriety of their conduct, they are returning in countless numbers to renew, at the altar of God those vows and attachments to their religious duties, for which they were before so remarkable. It is true there are yet a few who make unholy attempts to keep up the spirit that has arrayed the people against their Bishop; but these few consist principally of a low class of women, who never frequent the sacraments, and bear only the name of being Catholic. There is one of these unfortunates at present in the "New Bailey," suffering imprisonment for having created a disturbance in the Church. On yesterday I witnessed another of those wretched women creating a disturbance in the body of the Church, as High Mass was about to commence; but her sacrilegious conduct was put an end to by the interference of a policeman, who removed her to the outside of the Church. Such abominable conduct is a disgrace to any community calling itself Christian: and the perpetrators ought to be punished, as severely as the law points out.

You are aware that missions for spiritual teaching, have been introduced into the Town by the Rev. Dr. Gentili and Rev. Mr. Furlong, men filled with the charity and zeal of Apostles. The district of St. Willfrids has been visited by those saintly men during the present month, and thousands have been brought to the sacraments through their instrumentality. On such an occasion, all the clergy of the town are employed in hearing confessions; and so many are the applications that Dr. Gentili frequently remains until 3 o'clock in the morning, and, after two hours sleep, commences again the hearing of confessions at six. At present the mission is being held at St. Patrick's with the most happy results to the people. The Church is crowded to excess during the numerous lectures that are delivered, and over 3,000 have already approached the holy communion. On yesterday being the feast of the "Immaculate Conception," the crowd at High Mass was so oppressive that many were obliged to leave the Church before Mass was over. The Right Rev. Dr. Gentili preached.

Although an Italian he preaches in English most fluently. His discourse was principally directed to point out the great evils that must result to religion where the laity interfere with the discipline of the Catholic church, in the appointment of its ministers. Alluding to the disturbance that took place before Mass, he censured severely the interference of women in Ecclesiastical matters.—The Apostle tells them that they are not to speak in the Church; and it is most unbecoming in them to assume to be Pope, by directing the Bishop how to appoint his clergy. With the matter of dispute, he professed to have nothing to do; but the means resorted to by the people were Schismatical, and deserving of the severest censure.—He was delighted to see the change that had taken place since the commencement of the mission, and promised to give every person an opportunity of returning to his God, by continuing the mission for another week. He alluded to temperance, and showed that it cannot be permanently kept by those who take the pledge, unless in connexion with religion. He was about (with the concurrence of all the clergy,) to institute the Confraternity of the "Immaculate Conception," and called on those who were to take the pledge, to place themselves under the protection of the Mother of God, as the best means to prevent its violation.

The religious feelings that are aroused in the people by those wonderful men, are astonishing. As an instance of it a petition was presented at the different chapels, yesterday and signed by thousands. It speaks for itself, and shows the anxiety of those who sign it, to make all the reparation