

THE CASE OF MATERIALISM.—Among the many criticisms which Professor Tyndall's Belfast address has called forth...

So mixed in him, that nature might stand up and say to all the world, "This [is] a man."

NUMEROUS investigations have been set on foot with a view of discovering human tribes on a level with dogs and beavers.

IRISH POOR LAW.—An official summary just issued by the Local Government Board, shows that the whole expenditure on the Poor Law in Ireland for the year ended 30th September, 1874, was £1,003,513, being £43,777 in excess of year proceeding.

When Mr. Gladstone in a blaze of triumph entered office, he said that it was his greatest ambition to cut away three branches from the Irish Yggdrasil.

THE LAND WAR IN LOUTH.—While the Tenant Associations of the Kingdom are wisely organizing a National Land Conference to arrange for earnest and united action in the coming year...

Louth, messengers for which are to proceed at the Ardara sessions next Thursday, we draw good hope from the earnest meeting of the D-fence Association held last Monday in Dundalk.

THE IRISH SPEAKING POPULATION OF IRELAND.—In 1871 the entire Irish speaking population numbered only 817,965.

THE PROPOSED TENANT-RIGHT CONFERENCE IN DUBLIN.—As it seems to be taken for granted in various quarters that a national conference on the land question will be held soon in Dublin, the time has come when the proposal must be fully considered by every Tenant-right Association in Ireland.

GREAT BRITAIN. CATHOLIC STATISTICS.—The Catholic Directory for 1875 issued by Messrs. Burns & Oates, London, contains some very interesting facts and statistics.

young, during the terrible gale which raged with great fury, for several successive days. A boat having seven persons on board; three men, two women, and two grown boys, left Bantry on Tuesday afternoon for Adrigole.

THE PROTESTANT CHURCH.—Great discovery! There is no such thing as the Protestant Church. There never has been any such thing.

laws, which deal with them need revision.—Fall, Mail Gazette. THE KAPAL, MOUNT OF, DRESS.—The London Tablet on this subject says:—In the desire to compress as much as possible our answer to Lord Acton's charge against St. Pius V. we omitted four words which were necessary to the full expression of our meaning.

MAY CATHOLICS CRITICISE POLITICAL ERROR IN THEIR BISHOPS?—The authority of Bishops, as all acknowledge, is so salutary and sacred as to make it a duty imperative on all Catholics to do no act or utter no word intended to depreciate their influence, or to lessen the respect in which they are held.

Scotland moves forward in the direction of disestablishment with an energy which leaves no doubt of the final result. Great meetings have been recently held in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, Dundee, and Aberdeen, at which resolutions calling for an entire separation of the Church from the State were enthusiastically welcomed.

of persons as converts? that I have sneered at them as 'womanish'?

UNITED STATES.

DIVORCE MADE EASY.—The legislature of Oregon decrees that in that Commonwealth the voluntary separation of man and wife shall work the legal effect of divorce.

SETTING AND ITS RESULTS.—On Tuesday before the Lord Mayor, James Charles Smith, a young man employed as a clerk by Messrs. Ryan and Co., Cannon-street, was charged on remand with embezzling money amounting in the whole to about £250.

SHOCKING CASE OF BABY-FARMING.—Boston, Jan. 24.—An old man and woman named Nelson and Mary Reynolds have been arrested at Holly Stone, Middlesex County, in this State, on suspicion of perpetrating a terrible series of crimes, by which it is said no less than five infants have been put out of the way by these persons within the short time of two months.

WHERE DOES IT COME FROM.—The New York Herald says.—In the year 1874 there were imported at the cities of New York and Boston 153,082 baskets of champagne, or 1,836,984 bottles; in fact considerably less than a bottle and a half apiece for each of us for one year.

From the statistics it appears that of 487 divorces in Maine last year, 238, or almost one half, have been granted for simple desertion, 82 for adultery, 79 for cruelty, 55 for drunkenness, and 33 for all other causes, including incompatibility of temper, want of harmony, neglect to provide, &c.

Our old friend Nobbs, who emigrated to Texas last winter and bought a farm, says the first thing he does in the morning is a squint down into the orchard to see if there is anyone hung upon the trees you know?

An old spindle has been revived in the South. Agents are travelling through Texas selling a compound which is warranted to straighten the kinky wool of the negroes. The contractors buy eagerly the vile decoction, which takes away their hair entirely.

A-NON DISTURBANCE.—Sunday Visitor, "What is that boy of yours playing at, Mrs. Mullington?" The Vicar's Wife.—"Oh, well, of course he can't have his ball to play with on Sundays—we let him have the sofa-cushion to kick."—Punch.

Party politics are ignored in Nevada. The editor of the Star Spangled Banner, "His intelligent compositor set it up 'Party politicians are ignorant.' The editor got mad, but the subscribers wanted to promote the compositor to editor-in-chief for his knowledge of the situation."