

Dr. O'Brennan, editor of the Connaught Patriot, recently delivered an interesting lecture, in Clifton, on the early history and language of Ireland...

A SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISE.—Numbers of our readers will be glad to learn that the ship 'Ereby,' of the despatch of which, laden with goods, by Mr. Tait, from Foyes for America, some weeks back...

In 1864 there were in Ireland seventy-four spinning mills, with six hundred and fifty thousand, six hundred and thirty-eight spindles, and there was a similar increase in power loom factories...

GREAT BRITAIN.

The issue of the Catholic Directory for 1865, under the authority of Cardinal Wiseman, gives a concise view of the progress of the Catholic Church in England and Scotland during the past year...

Table with 4 columns: Years, Churches, Nunneries, Monasteries. Rows for 1829, 1851, 1865.

It will thus be seen that Cardinal Wiseman has really much ground for boasting of progress. Since his arrival in this country there have been in and about London alone no fewer than 71 churches built...

THE ST. ALBANS RAIDERS.—We have always maintained that, whatever might become of minor questions of jurisdiction, forms, and warrants, nothing but a most extraordinary perversion of law and justice could bring the case of the St. Albans raiders within the scope of the Extradition Treaty...

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ing up any of these men to President Davis? If not, what conceivable excuse can we have for giving up Lieutenant Young and his comrades to President Lincoln? So much for the law of the case...

More FEDERAL ENLISTMENTS.—The Federal recruiting agents in this country are at their old work again. From what has transpired in Liverpool during the last few days, we learn that they are as active and impudent as ever, carrying on their operations under similar transparent pretences...

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as far as possible all topics of irritation and angry dispute, and let the quarrel between two sections of a friendly and kindred people to their own decision of the sword...

The case becomes, however, very different when we are dealing with events occurring not between North and South, but between the present American Government and ourselves. It is with the greatest regret we see the tendency of the conflict to extend itself, and to sweep away those peaceful Conventions and wise international provisions which have so long existed for the benefit of either country...

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He who does not falter then but gathers resolution from the sense of duty and of honor, recalls the greater evils to avert which this danger is incurred, and above all, who conscious of right, commits himself to the care of One without whom not even the sparrow falleth, will not shrink when the storm of battle rages around him...

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Victor Townley, the murderer of Miss Goodwin, destroyed himself on Sunday afternoon by jumping over the staircase railings in Pontonville Prison, on his return from chapel. He received a concussion of the brain; and died in a state of unconsciousness at 9 o'clock the same evening.

The Amstrange Guns at FORT FISHER.—No doubt the Government, if called upon, will be enabled to clear us from the dark treachery of arming Fort Fisher, which Admiral Porter almost in direct terms charges against England. The admiral is a gallant sailor, but he is more than usually anti-British, and that is saying a good deal for the Americans now-a-days...

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chard after he seen it that he ought to be sent for his parts. Most all the officers down south from Texas and Maryland satiers; but I think they'd a good deal better send on silk dresses and jewelry, and let the sojers wear well enough for the young folks to pound on cash. Your father says you must hurry up and get the south exterminated as soon as you can, for then we come down there to confiscate here, and your father wants you to let him know the very minute they're exterminated and subjugated—Kezier says don't forget some silk dresses for her, an' your brother Job says if you can capter a good gold watch and a diamond pin he don't mind allowing you a fair second hand price for 'em in petroleum stock, which he's the president of the company. Exterminate as many of the gothic vauds as you can and capter all the property you can find, and don't forget to read your bible studdy, is the wish and prayer of your affectionate mother.

Oh! r. s. I forgot to tell you that deacon Parson's date, Melitable, is going to be married next harvest unto to a colored man that skavered his liberty from bondage in the southern climes, by setting fire to his gothic master's mansion and burning up the family, and skewin their jewelry and then 'scapin' into Massachusetts, the 'syrum of the pressed colored man. He's good and noble and pious, though he ain't too say good looking. Melitable brought him round ten sour beucose tother evening on a visit; the room was pooty warm and he smelt a little lewd. Old copperhead Stanchard step in a short spell arter they went out, and we couldn't beat it out of his stubber head that there was a skunk in the cellar.—N. Y. Freeman.

Henry Ward Beecher asked Park Benjamin, the poet and humorist, why he never came to Brooklyn to hear him preach. Benjamin replied, "Why, Beecher, the fact is I have conscientious scruples against going to places of public amusement on Sundays."—Guardian.

STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS.—No less than 11 boys were turned out of one of the district schools in this city last week for being drunk in school. And facts have brought to light the horrible truth that nearly half the boys, from the ages of 10 to 18, are in the constant habit of frequenting the miserable grogeries that disadorn our city.—Cleveland Plaindealer.

In a recent conversation with a correspondent of the New York World General Sherman strongly expressed himself on the war. The conversation is reported in the London Times, from which we copy the following extract. Being asked if he did not think the war was nearly at an end, the General replied, "At an end! The war is at an end! So far from being at an end, the war is only about to begin. The policy of giving up their river and coast cities, although taking away some of the prestige of the Confederacy, is making it materially stronger than if it retained them in its possession; while the opening of the same cities to trade by the Federal Government is efficiently supplying the rebels with all the goods they used to receive by blockade runners, at a cheaper price and with less risk and inconvenience to themselves." As the opinion thus expressed by General Sherman appears to be the opinion of General Lee, the world need not be much astonished to hear as no distant day that Charleston and Wilmington have shared the fate of Savannah, that the war of Southern independence has entered its second period, and that greater events than any which have preceded will signalize the progress of the opening campaign.

PARSON BEECHER ON ORTHODOX MINISTERS AND NORTHERN VICE.—Last Sunday evening Mr. Beecher delivered a sermon in his church in Brooklyn, which we had reported in Monday's Times. We make the following extracts:—

"Oh, says some good, pious soul, 'now you're going to advise preaching politics. And why not? You have your little men in the pulpit, who can preach of Moses and the prophets, who can show you the length and breadth of their creed, who can explain the meaning of this term and of that text, who can talk learnedly of original sin and of the wickedness of men who lived two thousand years ago; but where is the minister who teaches you of the duty of today; who exposes the corruption of the time in which you live—who expounds the duty of the men before him? I have attended many councils when learned divines examined youthful candidates for orders, but I have never yet attended or heard one where a single question was put to test the fitness of the man as a teacher on the point most vital to his congregation. They ask him about original sin, and the fall of Adam, and the superlapis and the sublapis, and test him as to whether he believes in natural grace or acquired grace, whether man is wholly depraved or only in part, and if the latter, where the depravity stops and what relation it bears to the rest of his nature; but they never, never suggest a question which would indicate that the souls or bodies of the men of the nineteenth century are of the least possible moment. These ministers are easy made. The doctors take a little of the regulation dough, they mould it into a pretty little cake of exactly the right shape, pierce it with the necessary number of orthodox holes, put it on a paty pan, shove it into a properly built oven, and, when it is baked, you have your pretty cracker ministers. Out on them, and out on such a system. We are, as a people, going greatly to lying. Why, the range of white lies alone is wonderfully long, running not only through the highest octaves, but way up into the harmonies, while the sub bass of black lies is simply tremendous. We must have a change in our public men, and not only in the lower classes of officials, but even in the halls of our most exalted national council. I do not propose to make changes, but I cannot forbear saying that the tone of public morals is low indeed when we hear glibly spoken of the bartering of votes on matters of great purport, making our legislatures literal shambles of infamy and disgrace."

As to the first point Mr. Beecher is an authority we are not at liberty to dispute; and as to the latter it would be simply rude on our part to differ from such a high priest in the Federal States. We simply leave the quotation as we find it commending it to all our readers.

A GLANCE AT THE FUTURE.—What the North will do with the South in case of Subjugation.—He who does not see that the future history of the United States, should the South fall in this struggle, is to be a history of war until either Yankee ambition is crushed by defeat or the American continent is subjugated by Yankees, is incapable of seeing anything. The only possible obstacle to this melancholy future of strife in an age supposed to be consecrated to the arts of peace, is the independence of the southern confederacy. It is with the resources of these states that the Yankees except to fight their battles with England for Canada, and with France and Mexico. If there are any among us who believe that submission to the North would restore peace to us; they are, indeed, deceived. Instead of fighting the Yankees in defense of our home, and our rights, we should be forced to fight England, Canada, France in Mexico, and Spain in Cuba. We should endure the double misery of losing our honor and our independence, while forced to sacrifice ourselves on the altar of Yankee vanity and ambition. While the soldiers of Grant and Sherman would return to peaceful homes or settle upon the confiscated lands of the South, the soldiers of Lee and Beauregard would be fighting to plant the Yankee flag on the frozen waters of the St. Lawrence or on the burning plains of Mexico. We should be in the arms of our Yankee masters precisely what the Irish are in the arms of England and the Hungarians in the arms of Austria.—Richmond Whig.