

CATHOLIC INTELLIGENCE.

HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF TUAM IN SLIGO.

His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Tuam preached a charity sermon on St. Patrick's Day, in the parish Chapel of Sligo, in aid of the poor schools attached to the Ursuline Convent. The reputation of the illustrious Archbishop brought together an immense congregation. He spoke for an hour and forty minutes, and from the commencement to the end of his truly eloquent and brilliant discourse, kept the attention of his hearers fixed upon him. His grace condemned, in strong terms, the miscalled national education, stating that it substituted chemistry for theology, and had a tendency to corrupt and materialise the mind. His appeal was most successful, as was manifested by the collection, which amounted to upwards of fifty-five pounds.

In the evening the Rev. Dr. Phillips, P. P., entertained his grace at dinner, where he was met by the Bishop of Elphin, and a number of the Clergy and Catholic laity of the town and county. The following address was presented to his grace by the Bishop, on behalf of the Catholic Clergy and laity of Sligo:—

"TO THE MOST REV. DR. MACHALE, LORD ARCHBISHOP OF TUAM.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,—We beg respectfully to express to your Grace the unfeigned pleasure and sincere gratification which your auspicious and most welcome visit to Sligo affords us, and those upon whose behalf we address you. We hail it as a happy omen that you have come amongst us upon a day which must be ever dear to all true-hearted Irishmen—the anniversary of our national Saint. The Christian object which has brought you here will, we are sure, create the most pleasing emotions in your breast. You come to advocate the cause of the uninstructed children of the poor. In devoting your brilliant eloquence to promote unadorned and uncontaminated Catholic education amongst a destitute class, you strengthen the cause of our holy religion. Your Grace is perfectly aware that the human mind is most flexible, and prone to receive life-lasting impressions in its early state. It is then as wax to receive, and as steel to retain. The children of the humble poor, who shall have the good fortune of being placed under the religious guidance of the pious sisterhood of the ladies of the Convent of St. Joseph's, Sligo, shall lay up a priceless store of knowledge, which shall enable them in after days to resist the tempter, if he should endeavor to undermine the true faith so early planted within them.

"Your Grace has been, during your distinguished career, the fearless advocate of all things tending to the advancement and spiritual supremacy of our Church. We, therefore, look up to you with veneration—all Catholics look up to you—as the faithful defender of our creed. Well, indeed, have you been called by the closest observer of human character, and best judge of human worth of modern times, as 'The Lion of the Fold.'

"Your Grace has also other demands upon our affection.—While as an illustrious Prelate of our Church, you hold the proudest and most exalted of positions, we cannot forget that, as a patriot, you stand pre-eminent, and an admiring and venerating posterity shall remember you as one of Ireland's truest and most gifted sons."

The following address was presented to his Grace in the Ursuline convent:—

ADDRESS PRESENTED TO HIS GRACE THE MOST REV. DR. MACHALE, BY THE YOUNG LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH'S.

"MOST ILLUSTRIOUS AND REVERED LORD ARCHBISHOP,—The children of St. Joseph's count this the happiest of the happy days they pass in this sojourn of bliss. To-day we are honored by that illustrious presence so often the boast and pride of our former companions.

"Among the traditional records of this class, no event is told with more enthusiasm, nor listened to with more longing for its return, than that which re-terminated in this class room of St. Joseph's, three illustrious personages—the 'Lion of the Fold of Judah,' the meek Dove of the Irish Church, and the immortal O'Connell.

"Alas! our eyes shall never behold the beloved father and Liberator of Erin; but does not the glory of his brilliant career seem to be revived on this day, when we behold here the lamp of the virgin church, from the effulgence of whose beams the sainted O'Connell gloried to receive light.

"Oh! Mary, immaculate Queen of the Island of Saints! well have we been taught that you were never invoked in vain.—You have given to your children the happiness of seeing and addressing the dauntless defender of the chair of Peter—the fearless foe of heresy—the sentinel on the watch-towers of Israel—the illustrious John of Tuam.

"How auspicious the occasion that has brought your Grace to our beloved St. Joseph's.

"Oh! beautiful faith of the holy Roman Catholic Church, how unchanged and unchangeable are your spirit and principles?—Thirteen hundred years ago the sacred sparks of your celestial fires enkindled a mighty flame of zeal in the heart of our beloved St. Patrick, which ceaselessly urged him to the same glorious mission that has this day brought us your illustrious Archbishop.

"The cries of little children, not unheeded by our divine Redeemer, were never deemed unworthy the ears of the good pastor. So in the days of Patrick, when kings laid their crowns at his feet, and the pomp of royalty were forgotten in the penitential tears of princes; little children were not disregarded by the saint, for he had learned to respect their voices as the pure medium of that divine vocation that made him the saviour of the land.

"How delightful to contemplate the same undying

fire of faith, now impelling the great Archbishop of Tuam, to the rescue of the poor little children of Sligo, too long inhaling the noxious vapors of national education.

"Worthy son and successor of the glorious St. Peter—heir to the zeal and virtues of Erin's beloved Apostle—the illustrious John of Tuam bends his mighty genius to minister to the wants of little children, to be occupied with their necessities, as if unconscious that the eyes of nations were fixed upon him, that the proud senate of England trembles at the sound of his name, that before his eagle glance the wily serpent of heresy recoils, as from its deadliest foes, dropping one by one the various godless shapes by which it had sought to ensnare the youth of the spotless Church of Ireland.

"Who that beholds your grace thus surrounded and occupied with little children, could think, without amazement, that this is he whose fame is world-wide—whose unrelenting antagonism to infidelity and heresy has arrayed against him nobles, princes, and sovereigns.

"Oh! blessed be the day that dawned on such a scene! Happy, thrice happy, those favored poor 'little ones' for whom your grace's zeal has now procured the wholesome food—the pure unadorned doctrines of true Catholic teaching, which it is the glory of the daughters of St. Ursula to impart to their young charges.

"Well may the poor children of Sligo bless the day when their beloved and revered Bishop invoked your grace's aid to open to them a secure nursery where they will be trained to all that is worthy of true children of the church. Well, too, may parents and guardians in this locality, pour blessings on their saintly Pastor and Prelate, by whose means the mighty voice of 'Judah's lion' has been heard in this haunt of bigotry, and scared from the fold of the wolf that watched for the destruction of the tender lambs.

"May your grace's advent amongst us be the era of renovated zeal in the cause of religion and pure Catholicism. For our parts we no longer envy the former children of our dear class, whose most cherished recollection was that of having been honored by occasional visits from the prince and oracle of Erin's unbroken hierarchy.

"Dare we express a hope that this honor will be soon renewed? Meantime, and as long as life shall animate our hearts, their most fervent prayers shall be offered, through Mary, the queen of the Island of Saints, that your grace may live to strike the death-blow of government education, and to see your gigantic labors in the cause of religion and Ireland rewarded by the reposition of the rights and liberties of their long-persecuted pastors and flock.

"Permit us, my lord Archbishop, once more to express our most grateful and respectful acknowledgments of the honor conferred on us by your grace, and as devoted children of the ever-beloved and cherished vicar of Jesus Christ, Pius the Ninth, we humbly implore your grace to impart to us and to our dear mothers and guides, that benediction which his Holiness has delegated to your honored hands."

J. M. J.

His Grace in rising to reply, seemed full of emotion, which he was scarce able to repress. After a moment's pause, he said that it was impossible to pass over such an address without the reply, although the gratitude of silence might be best suited to such a scene, which was to him the most delightful he had ever witnessed. He then congratulated the young ladies on being placed for education in an institution where, he said, it was consoling to observe the ancient monastic discipline and spirit were preserved in such vigor, and where, while enjoying all the advantages of the most refined and elegant training, they were preserved from those dangerous novelties introduced into education by speculators on faith and morals.

His Grace paid a high compliment to the Ursuline religious, on their not suffering their ancient and acknowledged superiority of system to be contaminated by the unholy principles of godless and government teachings, and exhorted them to persevere in their long and steady resistance to all the solicitations to connect their poor school with the National Board. He said they would thus confer on the children of the poor that lovely ornament, he was happy to observe, conspicuous in the young ladies of the class, he alluded to their angelic modesty—that virtue proverbial to the Irish female, the gem of the Irish Church. Only in such institutions as the Ursuline, his Grace observed, could this virtue be preserved, and not in those national institutions where, under the guide of liberality, the faith and morals of the young are sought to be undermined, for the preservation of this virtue is so closely connected with faith, that, when the latter is weakened, the former invariably falls into decay. His Grace concluded by imparting to the young ladies and their Ursuline mothers the solemn Papal benediction, by the power delegated by the illustrious Pius the Ninth to our venerated Archbishop.—*Dublin Freeman's Journal.*

THE VACANT SEE OF ACHONRY.—At a meeting of the Parish Priests of this diocese, held at Ballaghaderreen, on Monday, the 15th March, for the purpose of choosing three Ecclesiastics to be recommended to the Holy See, in order to the appointment of a Bishop to the See of Achonry, rendered vacant by the death of the late venerated and lamented Prelate, the Right Rev. Dr. McNicholas: In favor of the Very Rev. Patrick Durcan, P. P., of Ballisodare, in the diocese of Achonry, and also Dean and Vicar-Capitular, fifteen votes; for the Very Rev. Bartholomew Costello, P. P., Crosmolina, in the diocese of Killala, and Vicar-General, three votes; and finally, for the Very Rev. Bernard Durcan, P. P., Kilconduf, and Vicar-Foreign, one vote.

DEATH OF THE REV. PATRICK BURKE, O.S.F.

—With deep regret we have to announce the demise of this venerable clergyman, which took place last night at the Franciscan convent in this town. The melancholy event has caused sincere and lasting sorrow amongst a large circle of friends, by whom the rev. gentleman was both admired and beloved for his many excellent qualities.—*Galway Mercury.*

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, BRADFORD—ENGLAND.—The ceremony of blessing and laying the first stone of the new Catholic Church, about to be erected at the top of Westgate, Bradford, was performed on March 17th, the Feast of St. Patrick, in the presence of an immense assemblage of persons. The works are already somewhat advanced, but the ceremony was purposely deferred until the day of the patron Saint.

THE CATHOLIC SHERIFF OF LANCASHIRE ATTENDING MASS IN STATE.—What will Lord Campbell say to the following fact? On Sunday last Thomas H. Blundell, Esq., of Ince Blundell, the Catholic High Sheriff of the county of Lancashire, attended High Mass at Copperas Hill Chapel, and came in full state in his carriage, attended by the Sub-Sheriff, Allen Keyne, Esq., another Catholic. The sheriff has been in attendance on Mr. Baron Alderson, one of the going judges of assize, who opened the spring commission here late on Saturday evening. On Sunday morning at an early hour the sheriff attended Mass at the above chapel, and partook of the Holy Communion. At half-past ten he with his officers and the mayor and several members of the town council, escorted Baron Alderson to George's Church, where the sheriff left his lordship, and then proceeded in state in his carriage to Copperas Hill, preceded by his javelin men, the trumpeter going before him sounding (as usual) the trumpet. The sheriff was escorted, and on arriving at the chapel with his Chaplain, the Rev. Peter Whitefield, the sheriff was conducted to the pew of Mr. Keyne—the javelin men in livery, with their javelins, kneeling before the altar. High Mass was then celebrated, and after the Sacrifice had concluded, the high sheriff returned to his hotel in the same manner as he came. An immense crowd of persons followed the carriage. The matter has caused a great deal of conversation through town; but the judges had the good sense and better taste not to allude to the subject—their conduct has been contrasted favorably with that of the would-be "very liberal" Scotch Lord Campbell.

CATHOLIC DEFENCE ASSOCIATIONS.—We learn that Catholic defence associations, similar in character and objects to the society recently organised at Preston, have been formed at Bolton, Liverpool, Manchester, and Salford, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Birmingham, Clifton, Macclesfield, and Bristol.—*Preston Chronicle.*

NEW CARDINALS.—The *Roman Journal* of the 15th March, states that the Pope had held a Secret Consistory in the morning of that day, at which four new Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church were appointed. Amongst them was the Archbishop of Bordeaux, Monsignor Donnet. After the Consistory, Count Bentivoglio left for France, to convey to his Eminence the news of his elevation.

We learn from Milan, 15th inst., that a mission for the propagation of the Catholic religion is to leave that city very shortly for Oceania. It is composed of five ordained Priests and two lay catechists. They have been making preparations for their mission during the last two years. Two of them went last year to Rome in order to receive proper instructions from the congregation of the Propaganda, and afterwards to Lyons, in order to confer with the superior of the congregation of Mary in that city. The director of the mission is Don Paolo Reina, and the convent they are to found is to be dedicated to St. Caloceto.—*Paris Paper.*

CONVERSIONS.—We have the authority of the Rev. Michael Curley, and the Rev. J. Henry, R. C. C.'s, Castlebar, for stating they have, within the last fortnight, received into the community of the Catholic Church in this parish, two respectable Protestants, namely, Mr. Andrew Cunningham, of Newantrim, who was received by the Rev. M. Curley; and Mr. Samuel Brookhouse, an Englishman, received by the Very Rev. Archdeacon MacHale, Parish Priest; each of whom has made a formal renunciation of the Protestant faith, after which they received the sacrament of baptism at the hands of those clergymen, together with the other religious rights usual on such occasions.—*Mayo Telegraph.*

The Killarney correspondent of the *Munster News* says:—"I am glad to inform you, and you will be gratified to hear, that the Catholic unity of the noble house of Kenmare is now complete by the happy accession of the Countess of Kenmare, who is now, to the great delight of her ladyship's own circle, and of the people abroad, the Catholic consort of a nobleman who has proudly but mildly adhered, like his forefathers, to the old Church that thus receives another distinguished and valued adherent. I am informed that the noble countess attended divine worship in the family chapel on Sunday last, and that her presence at the celebration of the Catholic ritual, caused a thrill of delight it would be impossible to portray."

Miss Wardell, sister to the Catholic architect, was recently received into the Catholic Church at Our Immaculate Lady's, of Farm-street, London.—*Tablet.*

The Duchess of Dalmatia (the widow of Marshal Soult,) whose death we recently announced, was born and brought up in the Protestant religion. Ever since she had the misfortune of losing her husband, she was very often seen kneeling in the small church of St. Amans, praying near the tomb of the marshal, with whom she so ardently wished again to be united. When she became ill, and those who surrounded her told her that it was time for her to prepare herself to

appear before God, she immediately asked to become a Catholic; she then sent for a Priest, made her confession, and received the last rites of the Church.—*Catholic Standard.*

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

ELECTION MOVEMENTS.—CITY OF LIMERICK.—The following gentlemen are candidates for the representation of this city:—Christopher D. Carleton, Prospect House Delgany, county Wicklow; J. D. Fitzgerald, Q.C.; Sergeant O'Brien, Mr. Robert Potter, Pierce Creagh, and Francis William Russell, Esqrs.

COUNTY OF CLARE.—SIR COLMAN O'LOGHLEN.—We (*Limerick Examiner*) have just heard that the candidature of Sir Colman O'Loughlen was announced on Saturday. Our correspondent, a gentleman of well-known standing in the county, and who has acted always with the people, both at the memorable contest of 1828, and since that time, writes as follows, under the date of "Ennis, March 19":—"A report is current here that Sir C. O'Loughlen has been prevailed upon to offer himself for the representation of this county. The report ran through the whole of the districts of Clare to-day with telegraphic rapidity, and was received with acclamation. If Sir Colman comes forward, and I have no doubt he will, you may expect to see the scenes of 1828 re-enacted; no other candidate could save this county from having as its representatives two Protectionists—anti-tenant righters and Papal aggression men.

DROGHEDA.—We (*Drogheda Argus*) have authority for announcing the intention of Francis Brodigan, Esq., J.P., Piltown House, to stand for the representation of Drogheda. Mr. Brodigan is a consistent Liberal; and upon all national questions, especially the all-important one of tenant right, his views will be found to coincide with the best advocates of Irish interests.

ROSCOMMON.—It is currently reported that the son-in-law of the Marquis of Westmeath, Mr. Greville, intends offering himself for this county on Protectionist principles; and that Mr. Sheriff Swift, of London, who is at present on a visit to his Chaplain, the Rev. Mr. O'Connor, P.P., of Loughgilly, will also be in the field on free trade and tenant-right principles.—*Roscommon Journal.*—[Mr. Greville has written to contradict the report of his candidature.]

GALWAY.—We are authorised to announce the intention of Peter Sarsfield Comyn, Esq., to become a candidate for this town at the approaching election.—We assure the electors in the most positive manner that it is his fixed determination to enter the lists, and defeat, as far as possible, the arrangement by which the representation is sought to be purchased by a certain party, who has no claim whatever on the support of the inhabitants of Galway.—*Galway Mercury.*

WESTMEATH.—We (*Westmeath Independent*) believe it to be the intention of Sir Richard Levinge, of Knockdrin Castle, to contest this county at the approaching election. Sir Richard comes forward as a supporter of the present government. On the other side Lord Vaux, who has lately become the purchaser of property in the county under the Incumbered Estates Commission, will seek the suffrages of the freeholders. For Athlone, a gentleman of large fortune will contest the representation of the borough in support of the present administration.

KILKENNY CITY.—With regard to the city, Mr. Michael Sullivan, M.P., our present member, will, in pursuance of the universally expressed wish of the Liberal party, offer himself for re-election, and will, of course, be re-elected. But we hear that on all sides that Mr. Hyland is carrying on an active preliminary canvass, and intends to present himself as a candidate. Lord W. Butler is also spoken of, but this is a flying rumor only; we have heard nothing specific on the subject.—*Kilkenny Journal.*

WEXFORD.—There are four candidates in the field for this county—Edward Westby Nunn, Esq., on Protectionist principles; C. F. Waddy, Esq., a supporter of tenant right; H. K. Grogan Morgan, Esq., the present member; the Hon. R. S. Carew, son of Lord Carew; James Fagan, Esq., one of the present members, has not as yet addressed the electors.

COUNTY MONAGHAN.—We are in a position to state that Sir George Forster will address the electors of the county of Monaghan in a few days, as a supporter of Lord Derby's government.—*Tablet.*

KING'S COUNTY.—Mr. Loftus Bland, of Blandford, Maryborough, has addressed the electors of the King's County. The *Evening Post* says:—"We regret to say that Colonel Westera, on account of the state of his health, is not likely again to offer himself, and it is stated that Sir Andrew Armstrong intends to retire."

WICKLOW.—A contemporary states that C. Pughall, Esq., of Bray, is about to offer himself as a candidate for the county of Wicklow, in the room of Sir Ralph Howard, who is said to be about to resign. Mr. W. W. F. Harne has also addressed the electors as a Conservative.

COUNTY OF TIPPERARY.—The Very Rev. Dr. Burke, P.P. of Clonmel, presided at a meeting in Thurles on Thursday of the Friends of Messrs. Maher and Scully, to secure the re-election of both members for Tipperary.

ARMAGH.—We are informed that Colonel Rawdon's committee have commenced active operations. The Colonel, it appears, will enter on his canvass next week.—*Newry Telegraph.*

DUNGANNON.—The Hon. Stuart Knox, who vacated the representation of Dungannon by accepting an office in her Majesty's household, was on Wednesday last returned without opposition.

COUNTY OF KILKENNY.—The *Kilkenny Journal* says:—"We hear the following names a good deal spoken of—1. Mr. Sergeant Shee, whose incontestable ability and high character, whose good services rendered to the Tenant League, and whose valuable advocacy of the Catholic cause, are well known; and who stands pledged to incessant exertions in parliament on behalf of the interests of the Catholic Church, and of the tillers of the soil. Sergeant Shee heartily supports Sharman Crawford's Landlord and Tenant Bill; indeed he was, we may say, one of the sponsors of that essential measure. 2. Mr. Greene, M.P., one of our present county members, who will offer himself for re-election, and who deserves that mark of confidence for his upright conduct as representative of the county—Mr. Greene wholly and unreservedly supports Mr. Crawford's bill. 3. Mr. George Ryan, of Jenkins-town, whose political principles, we make no doubt, are independent and liberal, and, we trust, in favor of Sharman Crawford's bill. 4. Mr. P. R. Welch, of Newtownwelch, in this county, and of Wexley Hall, Eye, Suffolk, who once before contested the county on the Liberal interest, who, we hear, has a good