

## OUR POLITICAL POSITION.

Finally, we may be permitted to express our hopes that the Irish Catholics of Montreal will adopt means for shewing the *Pilot* their opinion of one who eagerly seizes every opportunity for ridiculing and insulting the Prelates of their Church. But perhaps he will tell us that his fat jobs in the shape of Government printing, enable him to despise and dispense with Irish Catholic patronage.

FAILURE OF THE REVIVAL.—At the first outbreak of the late revival epidemic, the Rev. Theodore Parker, the most eloquent Protestant divine of the United States, prophesied its results as destined to be very short-lived; and told the world that a score of such convulsive moments would never close a dram shop, or liberate a slave." The *Boston Congregationalist*, an evangelical and Calvinistic organ, at last recognises the truth of this unpalatable prediction; and admits the sad fact that, in spite of the "plentiful rain" of divine grace that has prevailed for the last twelve months, "the treasuries of our benevolent societies" are empty, that the fountain of charity seems dried up, and that "the managers of our societies are bewailing the feebleness of the symphony and aid of the Churches."

In his book, Mr. Reid scatters to the winds the Rev. Dr. Begg's assumption, that the "National Council of Scotland abound in a class totally distinct from that which observes the strictest religious ceremonial," and which makes the loudest and most ostentatious professions of piety. Dr. Begg is a middle-aged Scotch mouthpiece; and wishes to make "outside barbarians" believe that the laboring ragamuffins who have little leisure and less means of obtaining more dignified and ennobling enjoyments, are not at all "babes of grace," but that they are the only class that is undermining the character of a "cannie" Scotland. The Rev. Mr. Reid is too astute, and at the same time, too honest to let the Rev. Dr. pass his brass shilling off to the world as current coin. The "middle" classes of Scotland possess wealth enough to enable them to recreate in fresh air on any day of the week; while their tables at home are profusely and nicely covered. The working man vegetates on potatoes and salt for six days in the week; and when, on the seventh, he seeks a few hours' of renovating relaxation in the open field to inhale the invigorating breeze—he is denounced as a Sabbath breaker; his portion is cut off;—a place is designated him among the elect—the chosen samples. They believe that they have at good a right to enjoy existence in this way, and after their own humble fashion, as their betters, and they do it openly; they have

MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.—Parliament is once more prorogued by official proclamation to the 19th January, not then to meet for the despatch of business. This does not, of course, prevent its being called to assemble on the 25th, which is said to be the day fixed by the Ministry.—*Globe*.

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