## THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE. JUNE 4, 1875.

ad conniving at the overturn of established and committee and a declaration of war. I point But Catholic loyalty is sound and solid to have because it proceeds from a consolence to me one, ted in true Christian principles; for rell instructed in true Constant principles; for aculd her Majesty, from conscientious motives, be-aculd her Majesty, from conscientious motives, be-come a Pagan, a. Quaker, or a Plymouth brother, or come a Plymouth brother, or a Plymouth brother, or come a Plymouth brother, or a Plymouth brother, or come a Plymouth brother, or a Plymouth brother, or come a Plymouth brother, or a Plymouth brother, or come a Plymouth brother, or a Plymouth brother, or a Plymouth brother, or come a Plymouth brother, or a Ply sul be drink a royal bumper to the Queen, with let us and honors a toast dear to us as British subligniant dear to us as Highlandmen, and still jects, most to many of us as Catholics." (Applause). note dear to many of its as the toast of the evening Success to the Strathglass Farmer Society-said the Society was still in its infancy, only a two-yearold bat it was healthy; and strong, and showed old, but it was meaning, and strong, and showed good points. (Applause). The working committee was excellent, and they had the good fortune to have we may use on time to do its work manfully, and be thoroughly beneficial to the agricultural and post strathglass. Last years ploughing means on biandigues of the svery fair beginning, believe to day's is pronounced to be excellent in every respect. There is a decided improvement in every respect. There is a declared improvement in grooming, harness, and ploughing. This is the first time we have had a seed and root show, and I hist time we have the set y good. I believe the judges were quite astonished with the immense weight of the Strathglass osts-upwards of 50 Ibs. per bushel. (Loud applause). But there seems to be a general grumble against "hummelling" the oats and for my part I join in the grumble. I believe I am only expressing the general sentiment when I say that " hummelling" should be done away with. Clean oats as much as you like by sending it through the fanners as often as you please.-(Laughter and applause). Gentlemen, let us drink success to the Strathglass Farmers' Society. (Cheers). The healths of the Neighboring Proprietors, the

Chairman, the Secretary, the Croupier, the Host and Hostess, &c., were all cordially proposed and responded to; and the company separated after passing a pleasant social evening.

## IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

A JOYFUL OCCASION .- On the 8th and 9th of June there will be a celebration in the town of Tuam, which will be an occasion of great rejoicing, not only in that locality, but all over Ireland, and not only throughout Ireland, but in every part of the world where the scattered children of the Irish race, have made their homes. On that day, the reverend and illustrious Archbishop of Tuam will have completed the Fiftieth Year of his Episcopate. It is a remarkable circumstance, and naturally it has awakened the most joyful and tender emotions in the hearts of a people to whom the great prelate is intensely endeared. They cannot think of him for a moment without feelings of admiration and affection arising in their hearts. His long life of noble service to his Church and his country comes before their minds, and they give thanks to God that he has been spared to this time, and is now in the enjorment of such health and strength, such vigour of mind, and elasticity of spirit as seem to promise that for many more years he will be amongst them to dogood work for faith and fatherland, and to be lored and venerated by the Irish people. This Fiftieth Anniversary of his elevation to the Episcopate is, we are glad to know, to be made the occusion of a fitting and joyful celebration by his attached clergy and flock, in the town of Tuam. An advertisement, which we publish in an other column, gives a brief account of the ceremonies which are to take place. The celebration will extend over two days. On the first day there will be a solemn High Mass in the Cathedral, and a sermon by the gifted and renowned preacher, Father Burke, whose marvelious powers of oratory may be expected to be exercised with especial effect on an occasion appealing so strongly to every emotion of his heart. Subsequently an Address by the Chapter and Clergy of the Archdiocese will be presented to His Grace, a proceeding which will be deeply interesting; and in the evening His Grace will entertain his guests at a banquet in the new college. On the following day the fine colossal statue of the Archbishop, executed in white marble by the Messers. Farrell of Dublin will be unveiled. This, we may be sure, will be a striking scone, a great demonstration of popular regard for the illustrious prelate whose likeness in enduring marble will then and there be set before the people to be a fond memorial of him to many generations of faithful Irishmen. And then as a pleasant wind-up to the proceedings his Grace will be entertained by the clergy and laity of his diocese in the new college. Altogether it will be a joyful event and a memorable celebration. The proceedings will be witnessed by many Irishmen with happy and grateful hearts, but with them will also be the sympathies of millions who cannot be present, but whose thoughts can reach to Ireland unhindered by any distances of sea and land. And they will be certain to secure to themselves at least this much of participation in the proceedings, that while the murmer of thanksgiving, and the voice of prayer, and the loud shouts of juy are ascending on the air in Ireland, they, too, can give thanks to God for sparing this beloved prelate and faithful son of Ireland so long to his Church and his country; and they can, and will, pray that He may give many more such useful and fraitful and happy years to John MacHale, Archbishop of Tuam .- Nation.

On the 1st ultimo, the Bev. Canon Casey and the Rev. Canon McNamara were formally inducted into office as Parish Priests of the respective parishes of Passage and Monkstown. The ceremony was conducted by the Very Rev. Canon Neville. On the same day Rev. Father Cotter, for many years one of the respected curates of St. Finn Barr's church Cork, proceeded to Dunmanway to take charge of that parish, to which he has been so recently appointed.

Mrs. Eliza Fennessy, late of Garden Row, Kilkenny widow, who died on the 12th of February last amongst other bequests, left the Catholic Bishop of Ossory a sum of £500, to be applied by him as he might think fit, for the benefit of poor persons, of said religion in the city of Kilkenny : also a sum of £200 to the Sisters of Charity established in Kilkenny; a sum of £200 for the benefit of the Christian Brothers' School established in Kilkenny; and directed that if there was any residue after payment of the legacies mentioned in the will, and her debts funeral, and testamentary expenses, same was to be applied to and for the use of the poor people of the city of Kilkenny.

On the 6th ult., one of the largest demonstrations witnessed in Clare since the days of the Repeal movement, took place in connection with the third anniversary of the formation of a temperance association in Kilrush. From an early hour the streets and houses were decorated with streamers and laurel crowned harps. The Miltown, Kilkee and Kildysart societies were represented by their members and bands. The procession was formed at two o'clock, and marched through the streets, the several bands discoursing many airs. At three o'clock the procession stopped at the platform crected in the market-square, where Dr. Dinan, P.P. and V. G., was moved to the chair. The audience around the platform fully numbered twelve thousand persons. Some very excellent speeches were delivered by Fathers Browne, Vaughan, Dr. Foley and Mr. Hennessy. After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the meeting was brought to a close.

The following gentlemen have been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for county of Dublin :-Robert William Hillas, Esq., of Farm Hill Dundrum ; Charles Robert Hamilton, of Ocoldrinan Leixlip.

The following gentlemen have been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the county Wicklow :- Charles William Barton, Esq., of Glenda lough House, Wicklow; and Sir Clement Jas. Wol-selfy, Bart., of Mount Wolseley, Tullow.

The following gentlemen have been appointed to the commission of the peace :---

County of Down-Marcus Gage, of Ballinahinch, Esq. John Bloomfield, Kingscote, of Bryansford, Castlewellan, Esq.

County of Fermanagh-Edward Irwin, Derrygore Enniskillen Eso.

County of Cork-Richard Horatio Townsend, of Garryclovne, Blarney, Esq.

County of Cavan-Arthur French, of Carrick macross, and Wilton-place, Dublin, Esq.

UNENPECTED DEATH OF A KERRY MAGISTRATE .- A feeling of general regret has pervaded all classes of the inhabitants of Killarney at the announcement of the unexpected death of Mr. Thomas M'Donough Mahony, of Cullina House. The deceased gentle man had been in the enjoyment of perfect health up to Sunday May 2nd, when he was taken suddenly ill with a disease of a malignant type. Dr. M'Dunnough, his first cousin, and Dr. Gibbon were promptly in attendance, and all that their efficient skill could suggest to master the terrible malady vas in vain, and the deceased succambed on the 5th of May. The deceased had succeeded by his wife to the estate of the late Keane Mahony, Esq., J.P. of Cullina, and had endeared himself from an early age to the people of Killarney, amongst whom he lived, and to whom he was an extensive employer.

The movement for presenting a National Testimonial to Mr. Butt, is assuming large and influential proportions. The contributions to the testimonial already include thirty-five members of Parliament and six Bishops.

The Very Rev. Dr. O'Mailly, P. P., V. G., Nenagh has received a letter from T. H. Burke, Esq., Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, in reference to his memorial of 7th April, relative to the conviction of certain boys for fire-ball kicking on the occasion of the recent Tipperary election. Mr. Burke says he is directed by the Lord Lieutenant to inform his reverence that after a full consideration of all the circumstances of the case his grace has been pleased to reduce to one-half the fines imposed upon the boys referred to, with the exception of Thomas Moloughney, William Hogan, and Patrick Mealim. The third reading of the Peace Preservation (Ireand) Bill was carried by 287 against 70. The majority comprised the leaders and members of both parties, while the minority consisted of 41 Home Rulers and 26 English and 5 Scotch Liberal members.

The interest of the British Timber Company in the Olog Factory, Galway, is for sale.

Mr. James Taylor has been appointed to the office of postmaster at Tipperary.

The Protestant Archdeacon of Dublin has taken a step which is attracting a great deal of attention.— He has issued a circular "inviting communications from Churchmen, clerical and lay," who are ready to the plaintiff, one being against the occupier of the "provide permanently for continued communication glebe land for double value, of the rent in consewith the Church of England." This step is understood to have been taken in consequence of the Archdeacon's disapproval of the recent action of the Synod on the revision question. The Mail regards his conduct as nothing short of raising the standard of revolt.

Notwithstanding the success of Mr. W. S. Thoms, says the Pall Mall Gazette, in snubbing centenarians, and reducing the ostensible age of these presuming persons within what he holds to be reasonable limits, bad cases of centenarianism occasionally come to light. The province of Munster, Ireland, is in open rebellion against the orthodox "threescore-years-and-ten," judging from the following instances of longevity :- The veteran patriot, James Kissane, of Moybella, has just passed away, having attained the extraordinary age of 117 years. During the late Kerry election this old gentleman walked in from his residence to the polling booth at Listowel, a distance of five miles, and recorded his vote in favor of the Home Rule candidate. Besides this daring offender, " old Houilahan, of Ballydonohue," and Mrs. Benson, of Listowel, have, it appears, just paid the debt of nature at the ages of 104 and 103 years, while Listowel is still enlivened by the presence of "old Nancy Trent, of Ennismore," who, at the age of 103, walks eight miles to church every Sunday. What with had example and original ris vite, there is really no saying to what lengths this old lady may carry her penchant for prolonged existence.

The following sales lately took place in the Landed Estates Court. Dublin :---Part of the lands of Gorteen, 57a. 3r. 12p., and part of the lands of Ballina. county of Mayo, 38a. Ir. 10p., both held, under lease for 999 years; estimated yearly rental, £112 7s. 2d. Sold to Mr. Sedley, solicitor in trust, at £2.700. Lot 2-Part of the lands of Gorteen, county of Mayo. 119a. 0r. 23p., held for 999 years; estimated yearly profit ren £150 15s. 4d. Sold to Mr. Sedley, in trust at £3,850. Lot 3-Part of Gorteen, 137a. 3r. 20p., held for 999 years : estimated yearly rental, £154 1s. 4d. Sold to Mr. Sedley, in trust, at £3,350.

Judge Flanagan recently made the following sale in the Landed Estates Court, Dublin :-- County of Roscommon .- Estate of Edward Mills Hudson and Olivia Hudson, his wife, owners; Farrell McDonnell, petitioner. One divided third of the land of Emighmore, barony of Ballymoe, 277a. 0r. 34p., held under lease for lives renewable forever; net rental, £74 6s. 11d. Sold to Mr. E. Hudson, in trust, for £2,910.

The following sales were made recently in the Landed Estates Court. Dublin :--- Estate of Harriet Elizabeth Jones and others, owners; Bobert O. Longfield and others, petitioners, Lot 1—Part of the lands of Knockacullen, 26a. 3r. 20p., barony of Tieretagh, county of Sligo, held in fee; and another part of the same lands, known as Woodhill, held under perpetuity grant, 63a. 1r. 24p.; and part of Ballygilcash, 4a. 2r. 18p., same barony ; total acreage, 943. 1r. 22p., estimated yearly value, £116 4s. 8d. Sold to Mr. Ternan, £6,010. Lot 2-Part of the lands of Knockcullen (including part of the town of Dromore, West), barony of Tiereragh, county of Sligo, held in fee simple, 129a. 3r. 34p. ; estimated yearly rental, 136 16s, 5d. Sold to Mr. Tiernan at £3,400.

Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Caulfield, of Colamber Manor, Edgeworthstown, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace.

The result of the division on Mr. Butt's motion respecting the Irish College at Paris, has disappointed the friends of that meritorious cause, for they anticipated from the whip made by the superiors of the establishment that the minority would have been far larger. The following from the South voted with Mr. Butt-Lord F, Conyngham, Downing

Moore, Murphy, O'Gorman, O'Shaughnessy, O'Sullivan, Power, Ronayne, Shaw, and Swanston.

The Cork Herald, of the 8th ult., says: "C day night a marriage was solemnized a short distance from the town of Kinsale under circumstances which scarcely find a parallel. On the evening above mentioned, a farmer, residing in the neighborhood of the town, proceeded on his way to the house of his intended in another parish, about six miles distant, to fulfill his engagement by taking the hand of his affianced "for better, for worse. He was accompanied by a friend, and both were sitting on a sidecar to which the horse was unaccustomed. In the progress of the journey, and while descending an incline, the animal began to pull ahead, and in the effort to keep him in check, the rein broke and the bridegroom was thrown heavily on the ground, and his leg (just at the knee) was broken in the fall. True to his promise, he continued his journey, though writhing in pain, and the manifestation of feeling on his arrival at the bride's house where friends of both were in waiting, may be better im-agined than described. All things being made ready the twain were made one at the altar, the bride taking her faithful husband rather for worse than for better, and he immediately after leaving the marriage festivity for the bone-setter's house."

, had written, left the vestryroom, closed the door and | That would at once, be called rebellion and the locked it, keeping the parishioners prisoners for fifteen minutes. Mr. Smith contended that he was justified in doing this, as the had adjourned the stand anything about it. We don't know what justified in doing this, as the had adjourned the meeting, but the judge told him that he had no right adjourn on such a plea as that the letters but if it is to be that of the murderous Thugs he could not be read. The jury, found for the plaintiffs would not be acting a bit worse than he did for 40s. each. In two other cases Mr. Smith was in accepting high office in a society whose creed wardens to recover the value of a surplice he said he was compelledito buy. In both cases he was nonsuited, thus losing in every case in which he was engaged. Eleven summonses have been issued against Mr. Smith, to be heard at the police court arising out of the same transactions .- The London Universe.

Mr. Fawcett, M.P., has given notice that on the second reading of the Justices Qualification Bill he will move an amendment to the effect that no measure of the kind can be considered satisfactory which fails to provide that justices of the peaceshall possess certain qualifications for their office. Nearly time, truly. Up to the present justices of the peace and the justice they administer have been anything but creditable. We are tired of calling attention to the vagaries and the one-sidedness of their decisions. Why should magistrates attach greater importance to offences against property than to offences against the person? At Hanley, some days ago, two justices sentenced to seven days' imprisonment a woman with an infant in her arms and a girl of sixteen years for-what do you think ? For picking bits of coal from refuse heaps on Earl Granville's coiliery !-- 16.

The Daily Telegraph sent a commissioner to the East to learn all about some ancient inscriptions .---It would be well if that self-satisfied organ would direct its commissioner to ----

Order his wings and be off to the West.

He might thus enable the journal in question to avoid the numerous errors into which it falls every day about the geography of Ireland. On Monday we were, under date Enniskillen, which is in Fermanagh, told the news of Callan, in Kilkenny, and also the events of Westmeath. On Tuesday Enniskillen was made the scene of events occurring in (Carton Kildare), and in Trinity College, Dublin. Most certainly the ignorance of the English press about Ireland is remarkable, and little qualifies it to be (as it has been called) " the best possible instructor.' But even ministers have gone wrong, for we all remember how an English Secretary for Ireland spoke of the "county of Castlebar," which is about the same as saying the " county of Putney." And these are the people who pretend to make laws for Ireland.

ORTON'S BROTHER .- The following is an extract from a letter, written from Singapore, March 21st, 1875. by a married lady, to her parents in Penzance :-- " We dined the other evening at Mr. W-'s, with Mr. Orton, brother to the Claimant. He is so like him; the same heavy-looking head. If I had believed in him until then, I should have done so no longer. They are almost exactly alike, but this one is not so stout. He would have come to the trial, but they would not give him sufficient money to make it pay to come home. He is a captain of a vessel."-Cornish Telegraph.

dote, which is related of a Mayor of Folkestone, who bere the nickname of "Old Steady Baker."-A boy was brought before him for stealing gooseberries. Baker turned over "Burn's Justico;" but not being able to find the article he wanted in the book, which is alphabetically arranged, he lifted up " My lad, it's very luckly for you that, instead of stealing gooseberries, you are not brought here for stealing a goose ; there's a statute against stealing geese, but I can't find anything about gooseberries in all 'Burn ;' so let the prisoner be discharged, for I suppose it is no offence."

SHOCKING COLLIERY ACCIDENT, -A man employed fresne, and it is estimated that 20 or 30 were taken at the Meadows Colliery, Wigan, has met with a shocking accident. Whilst the cage was descending the shaft the conducting rod by some means was broken, and a portion of the iron rod penetrated the right side of the deceased, who was inside the cage, passing out in the region of the abdomen. The poor fellow only survived a few hours

grand mastership the prince will accept in the East, is assasination in some countries, and which makes no geographical distinction, but dares to call the

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## UNITED STATES.

HORRIBLE CONFLAGRATION .- SIXTY PERSONS BUBNED TO DEATH IN A CHURCH --- Sphingfield, MASS., May 27.-One of the most terrible disasters in the history of Massachusetts occurred to-night by the burning of the French Catholic Church at South Holyoke during the evening service, involving the death of sixty men, women and children. The ex-ercises had nearly closed, and a vesper service was being sung, when the draperics on the altar caught fire from a candle, and the wall being low and the flames streaming up, the building was set on fire. The audience numbered about 700 people, and those in the body of the church escaped, but in the stairway leading from the gallery, humau beings were packed in a dense mass, struggling to escape. As the flames rushed toward them, many leaped to the floor beneath, and were trampled to death. The gallery skirted by the sides of the building, with only one entrance from the front. The scene was fearful in the extreme during the little while it lasted, for the whole was over in twenty minutes. Besides, 56 dead the fatally wounded will carry the total loss of life up to 75. The recognized dead are as follows :- Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Victor Morin, Mrs. Calixte Larieve, Mrs. Lavina, Mr. Desjardins, his wife and four children; Isnac Morin, Felix Morenu, Miss Ida Laforce, Justine Brisson, Alphonsine Moreau, Marie Doucette, Etta Menerer, the daughters of Augustus Coache and Alserie Noaton, badly burned; Mrs. Theopile Blanchard, Mrs. Burdeaux, Mrs. Duport, Hermine Laporte, Henrietta Tiuimur, Calixte Dufresne slightly burned ; Louise Paquette, Louise Terriere, injured ; Rosalle Davier, Pascal Paquette's family-there is one dead and two dying; in the family of Francois Derey there are four slightly burned and one missing. The priest's house, which joins the church in rear, was also burned. The ex-ercises had nearly closed when the candle caught the drapery around the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On the stairway leading from the gallery the people were packed in a solid mass, struggling to clear themselves as the flames rushed toward them and this soon became a block, rendering exit impossible. The priest's exertions to keep order were fruitless. The screams of the living, and the monns of the dying made a deafening tumult above the orders of the pastor, who worked most heroically, and was personally instrumental in saving many lives. One family of four were in church and all were killed. Many were pulled out by the arms and feet so badly burned that they lived but a few hours the flesh peeling off on being touched. Some were taken out with scarcely any flesh remaining on their boncs .---Sisters of Mercy from the convent were promptly present, caring for the wounded and holding services over the dying, while Father Dufresne also held many services over the dying. His mother was among those terribly burned. Father Dufresne lost The difficulty of defining an offence in the eye of almost everything in his residence, so rapidly was the law is well illustrated by the following anec- the building consumed. The physicians gave the wounded the best of medical care ; those who were too badly burned to recover were put under the effects of morphine and passed away without a struggle. While exercises were being held over the dying the most intense quiet provailed, and rough laborers knelt upon the floor with uncovered heads; hut about the morgue and in the streets the wailing of the multitude was pitiful to hear. Among the persons in a dying condition are Mary Lachaic, Mrs. Bridge, mother of seven children, one of whom is missing and probably among the dead, Bazanth Briggs, Sophia Hibbert, Anne Lapointe, Lacosta Elidor, Charles Comme, burned badly but will re-cover, as will probably the brother of Father Du-

> to the other houses, some of whom must die. LATEST-The following are also seriously burned : ату G iding, Mar

THE IRISH CATHOLIC M. P'S. AND THE JUBILEE OF THE ARCHEISHOP OF TUAM .- The following circular, dated from the House of Commons, and signed by Mr. George Bryan, M.P., Mr. George E. Browne, M.P. Mr. M'Carthy Downing, M.P., and Mr. C. J. Fay, M.P., has been sent to the Irish Catholic members of Parliament :---

DEAR Sm-On the 8th of next month (June) the fiftieth anniversary of the elevation to the episcopacy of his Grace the Archbishop of Tuam will be celebrated by the clergy and people of the arch-diocese over which his Grace presides, and we believe that the occasion is one of which every Irish Catholic member, of Parliament would gladly avail to convey to his Grace in the form of a suitable address the congritulations of the Catholic representatives of Ireland. We, therefore, respectfully request your attendance at a meeting of the Irish Catholic members of parliament, to be held in the Conference Room of the House of Commons, on Thursday next, at half-past two o'clock, p.m., with the view of tak-ing such steps as may then be deemed advisable for carrying out this object.

Returned to his Holiness the Pope as dignissimus at the late election, the Very Rev. Dr. Ryan, Ballingarry, has been appointed by the Holy See to the vacant Archbishopric of Cashel.

DEATH OF THE VERY REV. CANON DANIEL LANIGAN -We regrot to chronicle the death of Canon Lanigan, who for over twenty years was parish priest of Kilcommon. He was in the 57th year of his age and 44th of his sacred ministry. He died as he lived, in peace with God and his neighbours.-R.I.P.

The Freeman's Journal announces the death of Mother Albert' (Mrs. Catherine Gossan,) one of the nuns of the Tranquille Convent, Rathmines. This lady, who was over half a century in religion, during her dormant with which two Kerry families are con-long life, labored earnestly for Catholic education, nected-Mr. William Hilliard being the representaand her demise will be universally regretted.

on the 27th ult, Miss. Jessie Barry (in religion Sister Mary Jusephine), was received at the Convent putting in their claims. of Mercy, Queenstown. On the same day four others. The death is announced of Mr. George M'Carter, Secured the white veil, two choir and two lay sisters. T. C., Derry.

IRISH EDUCATION .- A Dublin correspondent states that a movement is on foot in Ireland among influential persons to press upon the government the necessity of effecting with the least possible delay a reform in the Irish education system. They beieve that the best government of the Education Department would be under a Minister of Instruction for Ireland together with a committee of the Privy Council.

COMPLIMENT TO AN IBISH EDITOR. - Mr. Costello, for many years the energetic and talented editor of the Drogheda Argus (a Catholic and Home Rule paper), has been presented with an address and testimonial. This is honorable both to the receiver and givers, for it proves that the former did his duty and that the latter are grateful and not unworthy of being citizens of a city memorable for numerous and most important events in the history of Ireland.

We find the following singular notice in the Dublin Irishman of May 8:--"If the young man who walked from the chapel of Ardclough to Wolte Tone's grave, Bodenstown churchyard, on the 20th of June (Sunday), 1869, would send his present address to J. O'C., office of this paper, 33 Lower Abbey street, Dublin, he would hear news of importance to himself and others. (American papers, please copy.) CRUCKATHUAN."

Lord Longford has intimated that in consequence of the recent action of the Protestant Synod he will hold himself quite at liberty to withdraw whatever subscriptions he had promised the Church funds.

It would seem there has been for the past eight months an interregnum in the Municipal Government of Tipperary. The present body of Town Commissioners have been informally elected, and dread the legal consequences of looking after their business, and as it seems a new board cannot be elected before July, all the local nuisances are flourishing triumphautly. Somebody has carried off a town pump, sewers and streets are neglected, and in their distress the townspeople have had recourse to the Board of Guardians, as the only constituted authority in those parts. The Board of Guardians have, however, shirked the crusade against dirt, and until July men will have to hold their noses.

Two English baronetcies are at present lying tive of one, and Major Robert Spring of the other. It is asserted that both the above gentlemen intend

## GREAT BRITAIN.

That narrow minded and intensely bigoted section of the British community which the Rock represents -a section growing, happily, beautifully less every year has become excessively uneasy at the steady progress of Catholicity in England, The Rock makes a most piteous appeal to Protestant members of Parliament to come to the aid of the funereal member for Warwickshire, and to treat him no longer as a mere playboy and his cause as a mere plaything. "These religious houses (whine the writers in the Rock) have multiplied to an extent unknown in any other country in Europe. During the last twenty-four years monasterics have increased from 17 in 1851 to 93 in the present year. Convents for women in 1851 amounted to 53, while in the present year they have developed into the enormous figures of 274. Of the latter therefore we have an increase of 221 during a quarter of a century. These statistics refer only to Great Britain ; and the number is stilllincreasing.' And yet when Mr. Newdegate and our lively old friend, the inimitable Whalley, get up in the House of Commons and whine over these unmistakable facts, the precious twins are guffawed at and treated as little loss than lunatics. This is really too bad from a Whalley-Newdegate point of view. To what is England coming?

A BELLIGERENT RECTOR .---- The rector of Landulph Samuel Smith, who has become notorious for his extraordinary conduct towards his parishioners figured in the county court, a few days ago, as both plaintiff and defeudant. In the first case he sued a farmer for damages for assault and alleged that the defendant horsewhipped him, but when the defendant went into the box the complexion of the case changed, for it was proved that the clergyman commenced the assault, and that the jury found for the defendant. Two actions against Mr. Smith for | not going to : Ireland this year, for as his last public. The defendant. I we active against it. Suite to a structure function for the function of when a state in the state function of when a state in the state function of when a state in the state function of the state in a state in a state function of the state in a state in the state in

RUNOUS INTEREST.-A case which has just come before the county court judge at Liverpool afforded an illustration of the ruinous interest which some people are induced to pay for money advances. It transpired that a tradesman had been in the habit of negotiating loans with a money-lender, the extraordinary rate of interest on which is indicated by the following figures :-- 400%, for the loan of which the borrower covenanted to pay 2751.; 3001., for which 1002 was to be paid : and so on.

The expenditure in respect of the new Courts of Justice in London up to the end of the year 1874 reached 1,042,905*l*. As much as 032,218*l*, of that sum had been spent in the purchase of the site and in incidental charges; and 15,596% in payments on ostensibly adopted in behalf of the poor, is to deaccount of contracts for the foundations and crections of the courts and offices, and architect's commission. The Civil Service estimates show that a further vote of 75,000l. is now proposed for the erection of the building; the revised estimates for this is stated at 826,000.

REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF COAL IN NORTH WALES. -A reduction of 1s. and 1s. 6d. per ton in the price of Ruabon and North Wales coal respectively took place on Wednesday—the first result of the accept-ance by the men of the ten per cent, reduction in wages.

LOSS OF A FISHING BOAT AND FIVE LIVES. - A fishing boat has been swamped at Nesting Bay, Shetland, and the whole of the crew, consisting of three men and two lads, were drowned. The numes of the men were William Anderson, James Johnson and Robert Gear. The boys were sons of the first and second fishermen. The boat was found drifted on to the shore at Kirkbister, on Saturday, with sail set and the gear all fast.

A question has arisen among Catholics, How is the toast "The Prince of Wales" to be in future received at Catholic dinners? Since the prince has now accepted the headship of a society which has been condemned by the Pope as "blasphemous, impious, offspring of Satan and outraging the majesty of God," we presume that no good Catholic will drink the tonst. The Unita Cattolico, faithfully representing the feelings of the Holy Father, condemns the Albert Hall mummery with just severity, and every true Catholic will prefer Pius IX. to the Prince of Wales. There is no disloyalty in refusing the toast even though the prince is heir to the crown. O'Connell was a loyal man and yet he and other Catholics refused to drink the health of the Duke of York, even when he was heir to the crown. The best way to prevent a noisy scene between true and false Catholics at future Catholic banquets will be to omit the toast altogether, and to let "The Queen" represent the entire royal family. To toast the Grand Master of the Freemasons of England would be to insult the Pope, who, we may be sure, will not receive the prince should be again visit Rome. (It is most fortunate that the prince is

Brown, a young chapel girl, Vistori Brisson, Louiss Ferrier, Lizzie Moires and Lenn Blair, the large majority of these fatally. One girl was terribly burned and was removed to the House of Providence. Drs. Chase and Smith dressed the wounds of 13 of those injured and four other physicians attended from two to four persons each. Thrilling scenes and incidents were numerous.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION IN AMERICA .--- MODSIGT, Salpointe, Vicar Apostolic of Arizona, wrote to the Missions Catholiques on the 23d of February, 1875. as follows :--- "We more than ever need to multiply our schools. I have already told you that public schools are being everywhere established, threaton-ing to rob us of the rising generation by indoctrinating it with the principles of materialism and unbelief. There is no longer any doubt that the principal object of the system of education which was stroy all religion, and especially the Catholic religion. Every day, the journals opposed to us repeat that there must be no more sectarian spirit in the schools, and that priestly influence must be excluded thence if we would have the nations advance in progress. These are the ideas that prevail in the United States, because they are favored by those in high places; but they are not everywhere oqually dangerous. In the populous States Catholics are more numerous than they are in the frontier territories. Whilst prying taxes for the public schools. to which they cannot in conscience send their children, they can assess themselves to support private schools. Such is not the case in the territories, where Catholics are few, and, for the most part, poor. They pay the legal taxes, and can do little more, no matter how well they may be inclined. They know well that the public schools are contrary to their religious convictions; but if there be no other schools, they find themselves under the cruel necessity of sending their children there, for without instruction the latter cannot earn their living. Such is the condition of Catholics in Arizona. In our little town of Tucson, the school question has been long under discussion. The Catholics have as yet gained nothing. Notwithstanding the efforts of a good number of members of both houses, the law has been carried out in all its iniquity. Catholics have yet to pay taxes for the support of Protestant or infidel schools, without being able to send their children to those schools. Yet it is wrong to say the Catholics have gained nothing. I think it is something to have the question debated, and the votes we have gained will prepare the way for a more decisive result in the future. Meanwhile, we must lessen the danger which threatens the faith of our people, by providing good schools for our youth. Hence it is, that I have resolved, notwithstanding, my poverty, to visit some of the cities of the United, States in , order to try and obtain Brothers and Sisters, and if I do find them, how shall I establish them? That I know not, but Providence will provide."

Official returns received at the Bureau of Statistics show, that there arrived at the port of New York during the quarter ending March | 31, 1875; 12,449immigrants, of whom 8,328, were males, and 4,121,